¶ *Anno octauo Reginæ Elizabethe.*

At the Parliament

by prorogation holden at VVeſt-
minſter the laſt day of September, in
the eight yeere of the raigne of our ſoueraigne
Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of GOD, of Englande, Fraunce, and
Irelande Queene, defender of the
fayth, &c. and there continued to the ende
and diſſolution of
the ſame:
To the hygh pleaſure of almyghtie GOD, and
the weale publique of this Realme,
amongſt other were
enacted as fo-
lloweth.

Anno Chriſti. 1566.

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FINIS.

Reginæ Elizabethe.

An act declaryng the maner

of making and conſecratyng of the Archbiſhops and Byſhops of this Realme, to be good, lawful, and perfect.

The firſt Chapter.

Oraſmuche as diuers queſtions by ouermuche boldeneſſe of ſpeache and talke, amongs many of the common ſorte of people, beyng vnlearned, hath lately growen vpon the making and conſecratyng of Archbyſhops and Byſhops within this Realme, whether the ſame were and be duely and orderly done, accordyng to the lawe or not, which is muche tending to the ſlaunder of al the ſtate of the Cleargie, being one of the greateſt ſtates of this Realme: Therfore, for the auoydyng of ſuche ſlaunderous ſpeach, and to the intent that euery man that is wyllyng to knowe the trueth, may playnely vnderſtande that the ſame euyl ſpeache and talke is not grounded vpon any iuſt matter or cauſe: It is thought conuenient hereby, partly to touche ſuche aucthorities as doth allowe and approue the makyng and conſecratyng of the ſame Archbyſhops and Byſhops to be duely and orderlye done, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, and thereuppon further to prouide for the more ſuretie thereof, as hereafter ſhalbe expreſſed.

Fyrſte, it is very well knowen to all degrees of this Realme, that the late kyng of moſte famous memorye, Kyng Henrye the eyght, aſwell by all the Cleargie then of this Realme, in theyr ſeueral conuocations, as alſo by all the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and commons aſſembled in diuers of his Parliamentes, was iuſtly and ryghtfullye recognyſed and knowledged to haue the ſupreme power, iuriſdiction, order, rule, and aucthoritie, ouer all the ſtate Eccleſiaſticall of the ſame, and the ſame power, iuriſdiction, and aucthoritie did vſe accordyngly: and that alſo the ſayde late kyng in the .xxv. yeere of his raigne, dyd by aucthoritie of Parliament, amonges other thynges, ſet fooreth a certayne order of the manner and fourme howe Archbyſhops and Byſhops within this Realme

and other his dominions, should be elected and made, as by the same more playnely appeareth. And that also the late kyng of worthy memory, king Edwarde the syxth, dyd lawfully succeede the sayde late king Henry his father in the imperiall crowne of this Realme, and dyd iustly possesse and enioy al the same power, iurisdiction, and authoritie before mentioned, as a thyng to hym descended with the same imperial crowne, and so vsed the same duryng his lyfe. And that also the sayd late kyng Edward the syxt, in his time, by authoritie of Parliament, caused a godly and vertuous booke: entituled, The booke of Common prayer, and administration of Sacramentes, and other rytes and ceremonies in the Churche of Englande, to be made and set foorth, not onely for one vniforme order of seruice, common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, to be vsed within al this Realme, and other his dominions: but also dyd adde and put to the same booke, a very good and godly order, of the maner and fourme howe Archbishops, Bishops, Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, shoulde from time to tyme be consecrated, made, and ordered within this Realme, and other his dominions, as by the same more playnely wyl and may appeare. And although in the tyme of the late Queene Mary, aswel the sayd Acte and Statute made in the .xrv. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght, as also the seueral actes and statutes made in the seconde, thirde, fourth, fyfth, and syxth yeeres of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Edwarde, for the authorising and allowyng of the sayde booke of Common prayer, and other the premisses, amongs diuers other actes and statutes touchyng the sayde supreme authoritie, were repealed: Yet neuertheless, at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the first yeere of the raigne of our soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, by one other Acte and statute there made, all suche iurisdictions, priuileges, superiorities, and preheminences, spirituall and ecclesiasticall, as by any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power or authoritie hath heretofore been, or may lawfully be vsed ouer the ecclesiasticall estate of this Realme, and the order, reformation, and correction of the same, is fully and absolutely, by the authoritie of the same Parliament, vnited and annexed to the imperiall crowne of this Realme. And by the same Acte and statute, there is also geuen to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres and successours, kinges or Queenes of this Realme, ful power and authoritie by letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, from tyme to tyme, to assigne, name, and authorise such person or persons, as she or they shall thinke meete and conuenient, to exercise, vse, occupye, and execute vnder her highnesse, al manner of iurisdictions, priuileges, preheminences, and authorities, in any wyse touchyng or concernyng any spirituall or ecclesiastical

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power or iurisdiction within this Realme, or any other her hyghnesse dominions or Countreyes. And also by the same Acte and Statute, the sayde Acte made in the xrb. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late Kyng Henrie the eyght, for the order and fourme of the electyng and makyng of the saide Archbyshops and Byshops, togeather with dyuers other Statutes, touchyng the iurisdiction ouer the state ecclesiasticall, is reuiued, and made in full force and effect, as by the same Acte and Statute more playnely appeareth. And that also by an other Acte and Statute made in the sayde Parliament, in the fyrst yere of the raigne of our saide Soueraigne Ladie, entituled: An Acte for the vniformitie of Common prayer, and seruice in the Churche, and administration of Sacramentes, the sayde booke of Common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, and other the sayde orders, Rytes, and Ceremonies before mentioned, and all thynges therein conteyned, with certayne additions therein newly added and appoynted by the sayde Statute, is fully stablyshed and auctorised, to be vsed in all places within this Realme, and all other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreyes, as by the same Acte amonges other thynges more playnely appeareth. Wherevpon, our sayde Soueraigne Ladie, the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, being moste iustly and lawfully inuested in the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, with all auctorities, prehemynences, and dignities therevnto apparteynyng: And thereby hauyng in her Maiesties order and disposition, all the sayde iurisdictions, power, and auctorities, ouer the state ecclesiasticall and temporall, as wel in causes ecclesiasticall, as temporall, within this Realme, and other her Maiesties dominions and Countreyes, hath by her supreame auctorities, at dyuers tymes, sythence the begynnyng of her Maiesties raigne, caused diuers and sundry graue and well learned men, to be duely elected, made, and consecrated Archbyshops and Byshops, of dyuers Archbyshoprickes, & Byshoprickes within this Realme, and other her Maiesties dominions and Countreyes, accordyng to suche order and fourme, and with such ceremonies, in, and about their consecrations, as were allowed and set foorth by the sayde Actes, Statutes, and orders, annexed to the sayde booke of Common prayer before mencioned. And further, for the auoydyng of all ambiguities, and questions that myght be obiected agaynst the lawfull confyrmations, inuestyng, and consecrations of the sayde Archbyshops, and Byshops, her hyghnesse in her letters patentes vnder the great Seale of Englande, directed to any Archbyshop, Byshop, or others, for the confyrming, inuesting, and consecratyng of any person, elected to the office or dignitie of any Archbyshop, or Byshop, hath not onely vsed suche wordes and sentences, as were accustomed to be vsed by the sayde late Kyng

Henrie and kyng Edwarde, her Maiesties father and brother, in theyr lyke letters patentes, made for suche causes: but also hath vsed and put in her Maiesties sayde letters patentes, dyuers other generall woordes and sentences, whereby her hyghnesse by her supreame power and aucthoritie, hath dispensed with all causes, or doubtes of any imperfection or disabilitie, that can or may in any wyse be obiected agaynst the same, as by her Maiesties sayde letters patentes remaynyng of recorde, more playnely wyll appeare. So that to all those that wyll well consyder of the effecte and true intent of the sayde lawes and statutes, and of the supreame and absolute aucthoritie of the Queenes hyghnesse, and whiche she by her Maiesties sayde letters patentes hath vsed and put in vre, in, and about the makyng and consecratyng of the sayde Archbyshoppes, and Byshoppes: it is, and may be very euident and apparant, that no cause of scruple, ambiguitie, or doubte, can, or may iustly be obiected agaynst the sayde elections, confyrmations, or consecrations, or any other material thyng, meete to be vsed or had, in, or about the same: but that euery thyng requisite and materiall for that purpose, hath been made and doone as precisely, and with as great care and diligence, or rather more, as euer the lyke was doone before her Maiesties tyme, as by the recordes of her Maisties sayde father and brothers time, and also of her owne tyme, wyl more playnly testifie and declare.

Wherefore, for the playne declaration of all the premisses, and to the intent that the same may the better be knowen to euery of the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, whereby suche euyll speache, as heretofore hath been vsed agaynst the sayde hygh state of Prelacie may hereafter ceasse: Be it nowe declared and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde acte and statute made in the fyrste yeere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, wherby the saide booke of Common prayer, and the administration of Sacraments, with other rites & ceremonies, is aucthorised and allowed to be vsed, shall stande and remaine good and perfecte to all respectes and purposes: And that suche order and fourme for the consecratyng of Archbyshops and Byshops, and for the making of Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, as was set foorth in the tyme of the sayde late kyng Edwarde the syxt, and added to the sayd booke of Common prayer, and aucthorised by Parliament in the fyfth and syxth yere of the sayde late kyng, shal stande, and be in full force and effecte, and shall from hencefoorth be vsed and obserued in all places within this Realme, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions and Countreyes. And that al actes and thinges heretofore had, made, or doone, by any person or persons, in, or about any consecration, confyrmation, or inuestyng of any per-

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ſon or perſons, elected to the office or dignitie of any Archbyſhop, or Byſhop within this realme, or within any other the Queenes Maieſties dominions or Countreyes, by vertue of the Queenes Maieſties letters patentes or Commiſſion, ſythence the begynnyng of her Maieſties raigne, be, and ſhalbe by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, declared, iudged, and deemed, at, and from euery of the ſeuerall tymes of the doyng thereof, good and perfecte to all reſpectes and purpoſes: any matter or thyng that can or may be obiected to the contrary therof, in any wyſe notwithſtandyng.

And that all perſons that haue been, or ſhalbe made, ordered, or conſecrated Archbyſhops, Byſhops, Prieſtes, Miniſters of Gods holy woorde and Sacramentes, or Deacons, after the fourme and order preſcribed in the ſayd order and fourme howe Archbyſhops, Byſhops, Prieſtes, Deacons, and Miniſters, ſhoulde be conſecrated, made, and ordered, be in very deede, and alſo by aucthoritie hereof, declared and enacted, to be, and ſhalbe Archbyſhops, Byſhops, Prieſtes, Miniſters, and Deacons, and ryghtly made, ordered, and conſecrated: any ſtatute, lawe, canon, or other thyng to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and neuertheleſſe be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that no perſon or perſons, ſhall at any tyme hereafter be impeached or moleſted, in body, landes, lyuynges, or goodes, by occaſion or meane of any Certificate by any Archbyſhop, or Byſhop heretofore made, or before the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion of Parliament to be made, by vertue of any act made in the fyrſt ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, touchyng or concernyng the refuſall of the othe, declared and ſet forth by act of Parliament, in the fyrſt yere of the raigne of our ſayde ſoueraigne Ladie Queene Elizabeth: any thyng in this acte, or any other acte or ſtatute heretofore made to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

And that all tenders of the ſayd othe, made by any Archbyſhop or Byſhop aforeſayde, or before the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion to be made by aucthoritie of any acte eſtabliſhed in the fyrſt ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, and all refuſalles of the ſame othe ſo tendred, or before the laſt day of this preſent ſeſſion, to be tendred by any Archbyſhop or Byſhop, by aucthoritie of any acte eſtablyſhed in the fyrſt ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, ſhalbe voyde, and of none effecte or validitie in the lawe.

Anno octauo

¶ An Acte whereby the defendaunt may recouer his costes, beyng wrongfully vexed.

The.ij. Chapter.

Here dyuers persons of their malicious myndes, and without anie iust cause doo many tymes cause and procure others of the Queenes Maiesties louyng subiectes to be very muche molested and troubled, by attachementes and arestes made of their bodyes, as well by processe of Latitat alias, and Plures capias, sued out of the Court commonly called the Kings Bench, as also by plaint, byll, or other suite, in the Courte commonly called the Marshalsey, and within the Citie of London, and other Cities, Townes corporate, and places where any libertie or priuiledge is to hold pleas of debt, trespasse, and other personal actions, and suites: And when the parties that be arested, or attached, are brought foorth to aunsweare to suche actions and suites, as shoulde be obiected agaynst them, then many tymes there is no declaration or matter layde agaynst the parties so arested or attached, wherbnto they may make any aunsweare: and so the partie arested, is very maliciously put to great charges and expences, without any iust or reasonable cause: And yet neuertheiesse, hytherto, by order of the lawe, the partie so greeued and vexed, coulde neuer haue any costes or damages to hym to be iudged or awarded for the sayde vexation and trouble.

For remedie whereof, be it enacted and ordeyned by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that when, and as often as any person or persons, after the first day of January next comming, shal sue foorth, or by any meane cause, or procure to be sued forth of the sayd Court commonly called the Kings Bench, any of the writtes or processe before mentioned, agaynst any person or persons, whiche vpon the same writ or writtes shal happen to be arested, or which shall appeare vpon the returne of any the sayde writtes or processe, & shal put in his or their baile or bailes, to aunswere such suite as shalbe obiected against him, according to the common order of the court: that thē in euery suche case, yf the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes or pro-

procurement, the same writte, writtes, or proceſſe was obteyned or ſued foorth, do not within three dayes nexte after ſuche Bayle had and taken, put into the ſame courte his or theyr declaration againſt the ſame partie or parties, againſt whom ſuche wryttes or proceſſe hath been or ſhalbe ſued: or yf after declaration had and put into the ſame court, the playntiffe in ſuche caſe ſhall not proſecute the ſame with effect, but ſhal wyllyngly and apparauntly to the ſame court ſuffer his or theyr ſayde ſuite to be delayed, or ſhal after declaration ſo had, ſuffer the ſame ſuite to be diſcontinued, or otherwyſe ſhalbe nonſuite in the ſame: That then in euery ſuche caſe, the Judges of the ſaid court for the tyme being, ſhal by theyr diſcretions, from time to tyme, as they ſhall ſee or perceiue any ſuche default to be in the partie or parties, at whoſe ſuite, meanes, or procurement, ſuch writs or proceſſe was ſued foorth, awarde and iudge to euery ſuche perſon and perſons, ſo arreſted, vexed, moleſted, or troubled by ſuche writs, or ſuite, his and theyr coſtes, damages, and charges, by any meanes ſuſteyned by occaſion of any ſuche wryts, proceſſe, arreſtes, or ſuites, taken, ſued, or had againſt him, to be payde by ſuch perſon or perſons that ſo doth, or ſhal cauſe or procure any ſuche wryttes or proceſſe to be ſued foorth, as is aforeſayde.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that yf any perſon or perſons, ſhall after the ſayde fyrſte day of Januarye, cauſe or procure any other perſon or perſons, to be attached or arreſted to aunſwere to any byll, playnt, action, or ſuite, in the ſayde courte of Marſhalſey, or in anye courte within the ſayde Citie of London, or in any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or other place or places, where any libertie or priuiledge is vſed to holde plea, in any action or actions perſonall, and do not in all courtes, hauing theyr continuaunce, De die in diem, within three dayes next after ſuche tyme as the partie defendaunt or defendauntes ſhalbe bayled, or otherwyſe appeare in courte, by force of any arreſt or attachement had and returned, and in all other courtes at the nexte ſeſſion or courte to be holden, after ſuche arreſtes or attachementes, and appearaunce of the partie defendaunt or defendauntes, where as the ſayde partie defendaunt or defendauntes, ſhalbe compelled, or ought to appeare, vnleſſe a further day ſhalbe eſpecially geuen, by the diſcretion of the courte, from whence any precepte, proceſſe, or attachement ſhalbe awarded, put and exhibite his byll, or declaration, againſt ſuche perſon or perſons, as ſo by his ſuite and meanes ſhalbe attached or arreſted, into ſuche courte where the partie by ſuche attachement or arreſt is compelled or ought to appeare, or yf any ſuche perſon or perſons, at whoſe ſuite or meanes any ſuche attachement or arreſt of anye perſon or perſons, ſhalbe ſo had or made, after his declaration,

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byll or playnt exhibited, doo not from thencefoorth prosecute the same his suite with effect, or shall suffer the same to be discontinued, or shall after be nonsuite in the same, or wyllyngly and apparauntly to the same court shal for veration of the defendaunt in suche suite delay the same suite: that then in euery suche case, the Judge or Judges of euery suche courte, before whom any person or persons shal so be sued, molested, or troubled, by occasion or meane of anye suche attachement or arrest, or by suche suite or suites, shall foorthwith by his or theyr discretion, from time to tyme, as he or they shall see or perceiue any suche default or delay in the partie that caused or procured any suche attachement or arrest to be had, awarde and iudge to euery suche person or persons, whiche after the sayde fyrste day of January shal so be attached, arrested, molested, vexed, or troubled, his costes, damages, and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasion of any suche attachement, arrest, or suite so had and taken agaynst hym, to be payde by suche person or persons, that so dooth, or shall cause or procure any suche attachement or arrest to be so had or made.

And yf any person or persons, at any tyme after the sayde fyrste day of Januarye, shall by anye way or meane, maliciously, or for veration and trouble, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be arrested or attached, to answeare in anye the courtes or places aforesayde, at the suite, or in the name of any person or persons, where in deede there is no suche person or persons knowen, or without the assent, consent, or agreement of such person or persons, at whose suite, or in whose name suche arrest or attachement is or shalbe so had and procured: that then euery suche person or persons, that so shall cause or procure any suche arrest or attachement of anye other person or persons, to be had or made for veration or trouble, as is aforesayde, and shall thereof be conuicted, or lawfully accused by indictment, presentment, or by the testimonye of two sufficient wytnesses, or moe, or other due proofe, shal for euerye such offence by hym or them committed, done, or procured, haue and suffer imprisonment of his or their body or bodyes, by the space of fyre monethes, without bayle or mayneprise: And before he or they shalbe deliuered out of prison, shall pay vnto the partie or parties so arrested or attached by his or theyr meanes or procurement, treble the costes, charges, damages, and expences, that he or they shalbe put vnto, by reason or occasion of suche arrest or attachement so had, and shall also forfeyte and pay vnto suche person or persons, in whose name, or at whose suite he or they shall so procure suche arrest or attachement to be had or made, yf then there shalbe any suche person knowen, the summe of tenne poundes for euerye suche offence.

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And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that euery person and persons, to whom any costes, charges, damages, forfayture, or payment of any summe or summes of money, by aucthoritie of this Acte shalbe awarded, iudged, or forfayted: shal and may at al tymes hereafter, haue his or theyr remedie for the recouery thereof, by action of debt, byl, or playnt, in any court of recorde, against suche person or persons, theyr heyres, executours, or administratours, as shoulde or ought to pay the same by vertue or force of this Acte, in whiche action, byll, or playnt, no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed to any the defendaunt or defendauntes in the same.

An Acte agaynst carying

ouer the sea, Rammes, Lambes, and other sheepe alyue.

The.iii. Chapter.

For sundry good causes and consyderations mooued in this high courte of Parliament, be it enacted by the aucthoritie of the same, that no manner of person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition so euer he or they be, shall after the last day of February next ensuing, bring, deliuer, sende, receiue, or take, or procure to be brought, deliuered, sent, or receiued into any shyppe or Bothome, any Rammes, Sheepe, or Lambes, or any manner of other kynde of Sheepe, beyng alyue, to be caried and conueighed out of this Realme of Englande, Wales, or Irelande, or out of any of the Queenes highnesse dominions, vpon the payne that euery suche person and persons, theyr ayders, abettours, procurours, and comforters, shall for his or theyr fyrst offence or offences, so done contrary to the true meanyng of this estatute, forfayte and lose all his goodes for euer: whereof, the one moitie shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, the other moitie to him or them that wil sue for the same in anye courte of Recorde, where in no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe for the defendaunt shall be admytted or allowed. And further, euery suche offender or offenders shal suffer imprysonment by the space of one whole yeere, without bayle or maynepryse; and at the

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yeeres ende, shall in some open market Towne, in the fulnesse of the market, on the market day, haue his left hande cut of, and that to be nayled vp in the openest place of suche market. And that euery person or persons eftsones offending agaynst this statute, shalbe adiudged a felon, and shal suffer death, as in cases of felonie.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte shall not extende to any corruption of blood, or be prejudicial or hurtful to any woman, claymyng dowrie by or from any such offender or offenders, any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of Oyer and terminer, Justices of Gaile deliuerie, and Justices of peace, in euery Countie and Shire within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shall haue ful power and authoritie by vertue of this Acte, to enquire of euery offender and offenders contrary to the fourme and effect of this acte, and to heare and determine euery offence and offences, committed, perpetrated and done, contrary to the fourme and effecte of the same, according to the course of the lawes of this Realme.

An Acte to take avvay the benefite of Cleargie from certayne felonious offenders.

The.iiii. Chapter.

WHere a certayne kynde of euyll disposed persons, commonly called Cutpurses, or Pyckpurses, but in deede by the lawes of this lande very fellons and theeues, do confeder togeathers, makyng among them selues, as it were a brotherhood or fraternitie of an Arte or mysterie, to lyue idelly by the secrete spoyle of the good and true subiectes of this Realme: And aswell at Sermons and preachynges of the worde of GOD, and in places and tyme of doyng seruice and common prayer in Churches, Chappelles, Closettes, and Oratories: and not only there, but also in the prynces pallace, house, yea and presence, and at the places and

and Courtes of iuſtice, and at the times of miniſtration of the lawes in the ſame, and in Fayres, Markets, and other aſſembles of people, yea, and at the tyme of doing of execution of ſuche as been attaynted of any murder, ſellonie, or other criminall cauſe, ordeyned cheefly for terrour and example of euyl dooers, doo without reſpect or regard of any time, place, or perſon, or any feare or dread of God, or any law or punyſhment, vnder the cloke of honeſtie, by their outward apparel, countenaunce, and behauiour, ſubtilly, priuily, craftily, and felloniouſly take the goodes of diuers good & honeſt ſubiectes from their perſons, by cutting & picking their purſes, & other felonious ſlaights and deuiſes, to the vtter vndoing and impoueryſhment of many.

Be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that no perſon or perſons, whiche hereafter ſhall happen to be indited or appealed for fellonious takyng of any money, goodes, or cattelles, from the perſon of any other, priuilie without his knowledge, in any place what ſo euer, and therevpon found gyltie by verdite of twelue men, or ſhall confeſſe the ſame vppon his or their arraignement, or wyl not anſweare directly to the ſame according to the lawes of this realme, or ſhal ſtande wylfully, or of malice, or obſtinately muet, or chalenge peremptorie aboue the number of twentie: or ſhalbe vpon ſuche inditement or appeale outlawed, ſhall from hencefoorth be admitted to haue the benefite of his or their Cleargie, but vtterly be excluded thereof, and ſhall ſuffer death, in ſuche maner and fourme, as they ſhould yf they were no Clarkes.

And where alſo as diuers perſons done oft times commit and do diuers and ſundry deteſtable murders, haynous robberies, and felonies, and other capitall offences, for the whiche Cleargie is not allowable by the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, and after the ſame offences ſo done, either flee out of the Countie, or other partes of this realme, into the parties beyonde the ſeas, or kepe them ſelues ſecrete in other places, where they are not knowen for a great tyme, and after happen to commit ſome other fellonie, for the whiche they may haue their Cleargie, and being arraigned for the ſame, haue their Cleargie to them allowed, and therevpon committed to the cuſtodie of the Ordinarie, according to the lawe and cuſtome of this realme: the former offence wherein Cleargie is not grauntable beyng not then knowen, & ſo by that meanes can not after be impeached for the ſaid other horrible and great offences, by the lawe & cuſtome of this realme, to the great encouragyng of offenders, vſyng ſuche practiſes of foreknowledge and ſet purpoſe, for their diſcharge of the ſame.

For reformation whereof, be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſaide, that euery perſon and perſons, which ſhal hereafter vpon his and their arraignement for any fellonie, be admitted to the benefite of his Cleargie, by the lawes of this realme, and deliuered to

the Ordinarie for the same, and shal make his due purgation for the same offence or offences, wherupon he was so admitted to his Cleargie, and shall before the same admission to his Cleargie, haue committed any other suche offence, wherevpon Cleargie by the lawes or statutes of this realme is not allowable, and not being therof before indited, and acquited, conuicted, or atteynted, or pardoned, shall and may be indited or appealed for the same, and thereupon put to answeare, and ordered and vsed in all thynges accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, in such and lyke maner and fourme, as though no suche admission of Cleargie had been: any lawe, custome, or vsage to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

An acte for thabridgement of Appeales in suites of Ciuill and Marine causes.

The v. Chapter.

FOR the auoydyng as well of long and tedious suites, as also of great charges and expences in prosecuting of Ciuil and Marine causes, by reason of dyuers Appeales permitted to be made by order of the lawes Ciuil in suche causes, and to the intent that as well strangers, as also others the subiectes of this realme that shal haue cause of suite in those matters, may haue such expedition in the same, as their natures and qualities doo requyre: Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Ladie, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that from the last day of this present session of Parliament, all and euery suche iudgement or sentence diffinitiue, as shalbe geuen or pronounced in any Ciuill and Marine cause, vppon appeale lawfully to be made therein to the Queenes Maiestie in her vyghnesse Counte of Chaunterie, by suche Commissioners or Delegates as shalbe nominated and appointed by her Maiestie, her heyres or successours, by commission vnder the haste Seale, as it hath been heretofore vsed in such cases, shalbe finall, and no further Appeale to be had or made from the sayde iudgement or sentence diffinitiue, or from the sayde Commissioners or Delegates, for, or in the same: any lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Reginæ Elizabethe. Chap. vi.

An Acte touching Cloth-workers and clothes, to be ſhipped ouer the ſea.

The .vi. Chapter.

For the better employment & releiſe of great multitudes of the Queenes Maieſties ſubiects, vſing the art and labour of clothworking, it may pleaſe the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, at the moſte humble ſuite of her layde ſubiectes, that it be enacted.

And be it enacted by aucthoꝛitie of this preſent Parliament, that from henceforth foꝛ euery nyne Clothes vnwrought, hereafter to be ſhypped oꝛ carryed into any ꝑ partes beyond the ſeas, contrary to the fourme of any Statute heretofoꝛe made, and nowe remaynyng in ſtrength, by foꝛce of any licence hereafter to be graunted, the partie that ſhall ſhyppe oꝛ carry ouer the ſame, ſhall ſhyppe and carry ouer alſo one like woollen cloth, of like ſoꝛte, length, breadth, and goodneſſe, redy wrought and dreſſed, that is to ſay, rowed, barbed, firſt courſed, and ſhorne from the one ende to the other, ſo that euerye tenth cloth paſſyng ouer the ſeas in fourme aforeſayde, may and ſhalbe dreſſed within this Realme, beſoꝛe the ſame ſhalbe ſhypped oꝛ tranſpoꝛted ouer, vpon payne to foꝛfeyte foꝛ euery ſuche nine clothes ſo to be ſhipped oꝛ tranſpoꝛted, contrary to the meaning of this Acte, tenne poundes.

Prouided alway, that euery ſuche tenth cloth, ſo to be tranſpoꝛted redye wrought, ſhall not be accompted anye of the clothes permytted to be tranſpoꝛted by any ſuche licence, but that ſuche perſon as ſhall haue ſuche licence, may tranſpoꝛte, accoꝛdyng to ſuche licence, the full number of clothes vnwrought, mentioned in the ſame licence, ouer and aboue the number of ſuche tenth clothes, which they ſhalbe compelled to ſhippe and carry ouer by foꝛce of this ſtatute.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoꝛitie aforeſayd, that from the laſt day of Febꝛuary nowe next commyng, no perſon ſhal ſhyppe oꝛ cary into the partes beyonde the ſeas, contrary to the fourme of any ſtatute heretofoꝛe made, nowe remaynyng in foꝛce, any cloth,

commonly called Kentiſhe cloth, or Suffolke cloth, made, or to be made in the Counties of Kent or Suffolke, vnwrought and vndreſſed within this Realme, that is to ſay, not rowed, barbed, firſt courſed, and ſhorne, vpon payne to forfeyte for euery ſuch cloth, commonly called Kentiſhe or Suffolke cloth, made, or to be made in eyther of the ſayde Counties, ſo to be ſhypped or tranſported, contrarye to the fourme of this ſtatute, fourtie ſhyllinges.

And that no licence for tranſportyng of any cloth or clothes, ſhalbe conſtrued or expounded to extende to any ſuch Kentyſhe or Suffolke cloth, made or to be made in eyther of the ſayde Counties, to be from henceforth tranſported. And that al the forfeytures appoynted by this ſtatute, for tranſporting of clothes, ſhalbe the one halfe to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres, and ſucceſſours, the other moitie to the Maiſter and Wardens of the ſayde company of Clothworkers, to the relefe of the poore of the ſayd company, to be recouered in any court of Recorde, by action of debt, byl, playnt, or information, wherin no eſſoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe for the defendaunt ſhalbe admitted or allowed.

An acte touching Drapers,

Cottoners, and Fryzers, in the Towne of Shrewſbury.

The, vii. Chapter.

Forasmuche as in the Towne of Shrewſbury in the Countie of Salop, there hath ben tyme out of mind of man, and yet is, a company, fraternitie, or guilde, of the arte and myſtery of Drapers, whiche ſayde companye, fraternitie, or guylde, hath ben by a great tyme lawfully encorporated, and made a body politike: whiche ſayde corporation and fraternitie, hath by reaſon of a certayne trade and occupation of buyyng and ſellyng of Welſhe cloth and lynyng, commonly called Cottens, Frizes, and Playnes, which they haue had and vſed amongſt them, ben able not only to lyue thereby, but alſo haue at theyr common coſtes prouided houſes and other neceſ-

neceſſaries for poore people within the ſaid Towne of Shrewſbury, whom alſo with further reliefe they doo weekely helpe and maintayne. And by the ſame theyr trade aforeſayde, haue vſed moſte commonly to ſet on worke, aboue fyre hundred perſons, of the arte or ſcience of Shearmen or Fryzers, within the ſayd Towne of Shrewſbury, wherby aſwell they, as theyr poore wyues and families, are wholly maynteyned and kept. To the impechement and hynderaunce of whiche ſayde trade, diuers Artificers and other perſons within the ſayde Towne of Shrewſbury, not beyng of the ſayde company or myſtery, nor brought vp in the vſe of the ſayde trade, haue of late with great diſorder, vpon a meare couetous deſyre and minde, intromitted with and occupyed the ſayde trade of bying of welſhe cloth or lining, hauyng no knowledge, experience, or ſkyll in the ſame. By reaſon whereof, the ſayde ignoraunt and vnſkylfull perſons, haue and do buy commonly and dayly ſuche welſhe cloth and lining, as is defectiue, and not truely made, accordyng to the good lawes and ſtatutes of this Realme in that behalfe prouided. By meanes whereof, the ſayde trade is greatly decayed and diſcredited, to the great loſſe and hynderaunce of ſuche poore Shearmen and fryzers, as were woont to be ſet on worke therby, and of all others that were woont to be maynteyned and relieued of the ſayde trade, aſwel in makyng as worckyng of the ſayde fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and to the great deceyt, damage, and hynderaunce of all the Queenes Maieſties ſubiectes that buy and prouide the ſame, and to the ſlaunder and diſcredite of the ſayde commodities in forraigne partes, where, by the occaſion aforeſayde, they are growen out of eſtimation and credite. And where moreouer in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter, in the fourth and fyfth yeeres of the raigne of our late ſoueraigne Lorde and Lady kyng Philip and Queene Marye, vpon good and deliberate aduiſe, amongſt other thinges, it was enacted that no perſon or perſons whiche ſhoulde buye to ſell agayne by way of retayle, or otherwyſe, anye of the ſayde welſhe lininges, ſhould dreſſe or worke, or cauſe to be dreſſed and wrought, within his or theyr dwellyng houſe or houſes, or in any other place, by him ſelfe or his ſeruant, any of the ſayde welſhe lyninges: but ſhoulde put the ſame to ſome ſuche perſon or perſons, as ſhoulde be of the arte or ſcience of Shearmen, Cottoners, or fryzers, to be by them wrought and dreſſed, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery welſhe cloth or lynyng, fryzed or cottoned to the contrarye, fyre ſhyllinges and eight pence, as in the ſame act doth appeare. Sithens which time, diuers perſons for the defraudyng of the ſayde ſtatute, haue cauſed others to buy the ſayde fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and then to take the workemanſhyp thereof vnto them ſelues of ſuche buyers: vſing the lyke fraude by buying, and turning

woorke ouer vnto the same persons of whom they receiue woorke, to the manyfest defraudyng of the good intent and meanyng of the sayde statute.

For remedy wherof, & for the benefite and relefe of the poore men that be Shearmen and Frizers, be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Easter next ensuing, no maner person or persons whatsoeuer, inhabityng & dwellyng within the sayde Towne of Shrewsbury, or the liberties and franchises of the same Towne, other then such as haue, or shal haue serued as apprentises in the said occupation and science of Drapers, or be, or shalbe free of the sayde science or mystery, shall occupy, vse, exercise, or frequent the said trade, arte, mysterie, or science of buying of the sayde Welshe cloth or lynyng, Cottons, Frizes, and Playnes, nor haue any factour or doer for hym or them in the same, nor by any colour, engine, or fraud, be any occupyer of the sayd Frizes, Cottons, and Plaines, vpon paine that euery person and persons, inhabiting as is aforesayde, and occupying, vsing, or exercisyng the sayde trade, occupation, or science of buying of Welshe cloth and lynyng, and not aucthorised by this present Acte, shal lose and forfeyte for euery peece of the same clothes so bought, sixe shyllynges eight pence.

And ouer that, be it further enacted, that no person, dwelling and inhabityng as is aforesayd, and vsyng or occuppying the sayd trade of bying of Fryzes, Cottons, or Playnes, shal vse or exercise the facultie of fryzing or cottonyng, vpon payne to incurre such lyke forfeytures for euery offence, as is aboue mentioned. The moitie of all whiche paynes and forfeytures aboue mentioned, shalbe to our soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and successours, and the other moitie to such person and persons as wyl sue for the same, in any courte of Recorde, by action, byl, or playnt of debte, wherin no protection, essoigne, iniunction, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this present Acte, or any thyng, sentence, or matter therin conteyned, shall not extende or be in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtful, to any such person or persons, as haue heretofore vsed, occupied, or frequented the sayd trade, art, mystery, or science of buying and sellyng of Welshe clothes and lyninges aforesayd: but that euery such person and persons, which hath or haue vsed the sayd trade or science, as is aforesayde, shal and may haue and enioy the lyke benefite, commoditie, and aduauntage, as well in buying and sellyng the sayd Welshe clothes and lininges, as otherwise, in as large, free, and ample manner and fourme, as yf this Acte had neuer ben made.

And further, to the intent the sayd poore Shearmen, Fryzers, and Cottoners, may be the better relieued and maynteyned, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that al and euery person and persons,

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occupyng and vsyng, or whiche hereafter at any tyme shall occupye or vse the sayde trade, science, or arte of buying and selling of Welshe cloth and lynynges aforesayde, and shal from the feast of Easter next ensuyng, deliuer any Welshe cloth or lynynges aforesayd, to be cottoned, fryzed, dressed, or wrought, to any Shearman, Cottoner, or fryzer, shal deliuer, content, and pay to the sayde Shearman, Cottoner, or fryzer, redy and present money for al his sayd woorke, without any colour, fraude, or engine whatsoeuer, and shal not delyuer any ware or other thyng whatsoeuer, in contentation or satisfaction of his sayde woorke, or any parte therof, vpon payne that enery person offending in this behalfe, shal foorthwith lose al suche liberties, freedomes, and priuileges, which he hath or shal haue, as one of the said company, fraternitie, or guilde of the sayd arte and mysterie of Drapers, and also shal for euer after be vtterly disabled, and excluded to vse, occupy, or enioy by him selfe, or by any other for hym, or to his vse, the sayd trade, art, mystery, or science of bying or selling of Welshe clothes or lynynges, this Acte or any other matter or thing whatsoeuer to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

An Acte for the repeale of a *braunche of a Statute made. 32. H. 8. for the stature* of Horses within the Isle of Ely, and other places confining thereunto.

The. viii. Chapter.

Here at the Parliament holden at Westminster, the. xxxii. yeere of the raigne of the moste victorious Prynce of famous memory Kyng Henry the eyght, moste deare father vnto the Queenes excellent hyghnesse, our soueraigne Ladye that nowe is, amonges other thynges it was ordeyned, establysshed, and enacted, by the sayde late Kyng, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons of the same Parliament assembled, for the increase and breede of greater and stronger Horses from thence after to be had, within this Realme of Englande: that no Commoner or Commoners within

within any Foreſt, Chaſe, Moꝛe, Marſhe, Heath, Common, oꝛ waſte grounde, noꝛ any officer oꝛ officers, of, oꝛ within any of the ſayde Foꝛeſtes oꝛ Chaſes, noꝛ any other perſon oꝛ perſons, whatſoeuer he oꝛ they be, at any tyme after the laſt day of Marche, whiche ſhoulde be in the yeere of our Loꝛde God. M. D. xliii. then next folowing the Seſſion of the ſame, ſhoulde haue oꝛ put to paſture, into oꝛ vppon any ſuche ground, Foꝛeſt, Chaſe, Moꝛe, Mariſhe, Heath, Common, oꝛ waſte ground, any ſtoned Hoꝛſe oꝛ Hoꝛſes, beyng aboue the age of two yeeres, and not being of the altitude and height of fiftеene handfull, to be meaſured from the loweſt part of the hooſe, vnto the higher part of the wither, and euery handfull to conteyne foure ynches of the Standerd, to paſture, feede, oꝛ to be nouriſhed in oꝛ vpon any of the ſayd Foꝛeſtes, Chaſes, Commons, Moꝛes, Mariſhes, Heathes, oꝛ waſte groundes, within any of the Shires and Territoꝛies of Noꝛffolke, Suffolke, Cambꝛidge, Buckingham, Huntyngton, Eſſex, Kent, Southampton, Noꝛthwylſhyꝛe, Oxfoꝛde, Barke, Woꝛceſter, Glouceſter, Somerſet, Noꝛthwales, Southwales, Bedfoꝛde, Warwicke, Noꝛthampton, Yoꝛkſhyꝛe, Cheſhyꝛe, Staffoꝛde, the Countie of the citie of Yoꝛke, the towne and liberties of Glouceſter, the Countie of the Towne of Kingſton vpon Hull, the Countie Palentine of Lancaſter, the Countie of Salop, Leycеſter, Hereфoꝛde, and Lincolne, oꝛ within any of them, noꝛ ſhal put to feede oꝛ paſture any ſtoned Hoꝛſe oꝛ Hoꝛſes, being aboue the ſaid age of two yeeres, & not being in heigth of xiiii. handfull, to be meaſured as is aboueſayde, within oꝛ vpon any lyke grounde oꝛ groundes, as been aboue wꝛyten, lying oꝛ beyng within any other Shire of this Realme, neyther yet any of them, vpon payne of foꝛfaiture & loſſe of the ſaide hoꝛſe oꝛ hoꝛſes, whiche ſhould be founde in oꝛ vpon any ſuche grounde, Foꝛreſt, Chaſe, Moꝛe, Mariſhe, Heath, Common, oꝛ waſte grounde, at any tyme after the ſayde laſt day of Marche, whiche was in the yeere of our Loꝛde GOD. M. D. xliii. contrary to the fourme of the ſayde late eſtatute, and further, as by the ſayde eſtatute moꝛe fully and at large may appeare. By reaſon wheꝛeof, and ſynce whiche tyme, diuers and ſundꝛy great and manyfolde hurtes, hynderaunces, and loſſes hath happened and chaunced, aſwel to the inhabitauntes of the Moꝛes, Mariſhes, and Fenne groundes, within the Iſle of Ely, ſituate, lying, and beyng in the ſayde Countie of Cambꝛidge, as alſo to the inhabitauntes of other the Moꝛes, Mariſhes, and Fenne groundes within the ſaid Shire, togeather with the Counties of Huntington, Noꝛthampton, Lyncolne, Noꝛffolke, and Suffolke, next adioynyng and boꝛderyng vpon the ſame Iſle, foꝛ that the ſayde Moꝛes, Mariſhes, and Fenne groundes, becauſe of theyꝛ rottennеſſe, vnfirmneſſe, moyſture, and watteryſhneſſe, were neuer able, ne yet are, to bꝛeede, beare, oꝛ bꝛing

foorth suche great breede of stoned horses, of suche bygnesse and hygh stature, as within the aforesaide statute are expressed, without daunger and perill of the myering, drowning, and perishyng of the same, whereupon many Promoters, taking occasion by reason of thaforesayde estatute, haue alwel entred into the sayde Isle, as also other the Moores, Marishes, & Fenne groundes, in all the countrey nerte bordering and ioynyng to the same, and taken away, by vertue and puruey of the sayde estatute, from diuers poore men, not being able otherwyse to remedie the same, theyr horse, not beyng comparable of like stature to the sayde estatute, aswell to the great losse and hynderaunce of al the breede of horses there, no man daryng to put any suche foorth on the sayde groundes, for feare of suche persons: as also to the vtter subuertion and decay of all the tyllage and caryage within the sayd Isle, and other the countreys round about the same, in tyme to come.

For reformation and redresse wherof, be it enacted by the Queene our soueraigne Lady, the Lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same: That as much of thaforesayd estatute, made in the sayd. xxviii. yeere of kyng Henry the eyght, or yet any part, braunche, or article, or any parcell thereof, touchyng or concernyng anye the Marishes and seggie Fenne groundes within the sayd Isle, situate, lying and being in the sayd Countie of Cambridge, togethers with al other the Marishes and seggie Fenne groundes, within the sayd Shires of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke, and Suffolke, shalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed, frustrate, voyde, and of none effecte in the lawe: Any thyng in the sayde former Acte expressed to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Neuertheless, be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctho̅itie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons whatsoeuer he or they be, at any tyme after the last day of Marche next comming, shal haue or put to pasture into or vpon any Marishe or seggie Fenne grounde within the sayd Isle of Ely, or into or vpon any Marishe or seggie Fenne groundes within the sayde Counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke & Suffolke, or any of them, any stoned horse or horses, being aboue the age of two yeres, and not being of the altitude and height of. xiii. handful, to be measured from the lowest part of the hoofe of the forefoote, vnto the higher part of the wither, and euery handfull to conteyne. iiii. ynches of the standerde, to pasture, feede, or to be nourished, in or vpon any the sayde Marishes, or seggie Fenne groundes, within the said Isle, and within ỹ said counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norffolke & Suffolke, or any of them, vpon suche and the like payne, as by the sayd former Act is limitted and expressed.

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An act to repeale a braunch

of a Statute made An.23.H.8.touching the priſes of Barrels & Kilderkins.

The.ix.Chapter.

N theyr moſt humble wyſe, ſhewen vnto the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, and vnto the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and vnto the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, the Cowpers of the Citie of London, and of al other Cities and Townes within this Realme of Englande, that where in the Parliament holden by prorogation at Weſtminſter the xv. day of January, in the.xxiii. yere of the raigne of the late kyng of famous memorie kyng Henry the eight, father to our ſayde ſoueraigne Ladye the Queenes highneſſe that nowe is, there was one ſtatute made and enacted, entituled: An Acte that no Brewers of Beere, or Ale, ſhal make their Barrels, Kilderkins, or Fyrkins within them, and howe much the ſame Barrels, Kylderkins, and Fyrkins ſhal conteyne. In whiche ſtatute amongſt other thinges therein conteyned, it is enacted, that no Artificer of the Cowpers ſhal enhaunce the priſes of any ſuch Barrels, Kilderkins, Firkins, or other veſſels in ỳ ſale of them, to any Ale brewer, or Beere brewer, or other perſon, as in the ſayde Acte are mentioned, but ſhoulde keepe the rates of ſuch priſes, as in the ſame Acte are expreſſed, and not aboue, vpon paine to forfeyte for euery Barrel, Kylderkin, ꝛ Fyrkin, defectiue, or enhaunced in price, in any poynt contrary to the ſayde Acte. iii.s. iiii.d. (that is to ſay) for euery Beere barrell. ir.d. for euery Beere Kylderkin. v.d. and for euery Beere Firkin. iii.d. And the Ale barrel. xvi.d. the Ale Kilderkin ir.d. and the Ale Fyrkin. v.d. as by the ſame Acte, amongſt diuers other thynges therein conteyned, more fully and at large doth and may appeare. Since which tyme, the Cloue boorde and ſtuffe wherof the ſayde veſſels and the hoopes thereof ſhoulde be made, are ryſen and growen to ſuche exceſſiue priſes, that ſuche as do make the ſaide veſſels, can not make and ſel any ſuche Barrels, Kylderkins, Fyrkyns, or other veſſels, at the prices expreſſed in the ſayd eſtatute, but to theyr great loſſe and hynderaunce, whereby the myſterie, trade, and faculltie of the ſayde Cowpers, is vtterly ouerthrowen, to the

the impouerishment and vtter vndooyng of them, their wyues, children, and families, as is moste euident.

For as much as at the time of the makyng of the sayd estatute, the Cowpers myght haue bought a thousande of Barrell boordes for xii.s. or xiii.s.iiii.d. and a thousande of Kylderkin boordes for.ix.s. or x.s. and a loade of hoopes for. ix.s. or.x.s. And nowe a thousande of Barrell boorde can not be bought vnder.xxxiii.s.iiii.d. and xl.s. and a thousande of Kylderkyn boorde vnder.xxvi.s.viii.d. and a loade of hoopes vnder xxxiii.s.iiii.d. and xl.s. as is right wel and notoriously knowen.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by thauctoritie of the same, that as much of euery article, clause and sentence, comprised in the sayde estatute made in the sayd xxiii. yere of the raigne of the sayd late king, as doth touche or concerne the prices of Barrels, Kilderkins, Fyrkins, and other vesselles, and all and euery payne and forfeyture expressed and declared in the sayde acte, for sellyng of any of the sayde kynde of vesselles aboue the prices before specified, from the tyme of newe prices to be set in fourme hereafter expressed, for suche places onely as the same newe prices shalbe set, shalbe clearely repealed, frustrate, and made voyde. And that from henceforth the prices of all Barrels, Kylderkyns, Fyrkyns, and other vessels to be solde, for Ale, Beere, or Sope, to be vttered therein, shalbe rated and tared by Maiors, Bailiffes, & other head officer or officers of euery Citie and Towne corporate, where any suche vessels shalbe made or offered to be solde: And where suche vesselles shalbe made or solde out of any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, the prices thereof shalbe rated and tared by the Justices of the Peace, or the more part of them, being present in the generall or quarter Sessions, yeerely next after Easter, at suche reasonable prices as they shall thynke reasonable by their discretions: The sayde estatute made in the.xxiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late Kyng Henrie the eyght, or any other lawe, custome, or vsage, to the contrary therof in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted, that yf the sayde Cowpers, or any of them, shall not make sale according to suche prices as shalbe rated, as is aforesayde, after proclamation thereof made, that then euery person and persons so offendyng, shall for the same incurre the paynes and forfeytures mentioned in the sayd statute made the sayd xxiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late Kyng: That is to wit, For euery Barell, Kylderkyn, and Fyrkin, whiche shalbe solde at greater price then shalbe rated and tared as is aforesayde, the summe of iii.s.iiii.d. of lawfull money of Englande, whereof the one moytie

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to be to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie to suche person or persons as wyll sue for the same, by action of debt, in any Courte of recorde, wherein no protection, essoigne, or wager of lawe shalbe alowed or admitted.

An acte for Bowyers,

and the prices of Bowes.

The. x. Chapter.

MOSTE *humblie complaynyng*, sheweth vnto your hyghnes, and to your hygh Court of Parliament, your obedient subiectes, the Bowyers, dwellyng and inhabiting within the Citie of London, and the suburbes of the same: That where in the parliament of the late kyng of moste famous memorie, kyng Henrie the eyght, begunne and holden at Westminster, the xvi. day of Januarie, in the xxxiii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng, and there continued vntyll the fyrst day of Aprill then next folowing, there was one acte and statute then made and prouided, entituled, An acte for the mayntenaunce of Artyllerie, and debarring of vnlawfull games. In whiche acte and statute, amongest other thynges, there is one braunche conteyned and specified: the tenour wherof is, as hereafter followeth. That is to say: And to the intent, that euery person may haue Bowes of meane price, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euery Bowyer, dwellyng out of the Citie of London, shal after the feast of the Purification of our Lady then nexte commyng, for euery Bowe that he maketh of Ewe, make three other Bowes meete to shoote in, of Elme, Witchhasell, Ashe, and other wood apte for the same, vnder the payne to loose and forfeite for euery suche Bowe so lackyng. iii.s. iiii.d. And euery Bowyer dwellyng within the Citie and Suburbes of London, shall after the sayde feast of the Purification of our Ladie then next commyng, for euery Bowe of Ewe, make two other Bowes apte for shooting, of Ashe, Elme, Witchhasell, or other wood, meete for the same, vnder lyke payne and forfeyture, as by the sayde statute more playnely it doeth and may appeare. And although the sayde

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braunche of the sayde statute, be needefull and expedient to remayne and continue for suche Bowyers as doo dwell and inhabite in the Countrey, and other places out of the Citie of London and the suburbes of the same: Yet for as much as there be very fewe or no Bowes of Elme, Witchhasell, or Ashe, or of any other wood then onely of Ewe vsed or occupied by anye person within the sayde Citie and Suburbes of the same, therefore the sayde braunche of the sayd Acte and Statute before rehearsed, was not, ne is needefull to be had and made for the Bowyers dwellyng within the sayde Citie and Suburbes. And yet neuertheleſſe, your sayde subiectes, for the auoydyng of the danger and penaltie conteyned in the sayd braunch, are dayly enforced to make suche great number of Bowes of Elme, witchhasell, and Ashe, that they can not in conuenient tyme vtter and sell the same, but are constrayned to keepe such Bowes by them so made, vntyll they be putrified, and not meete for any good vse or purpose. By reason whereof, muche of the sayde wood of Elme, witchhasell, and Ashe, is dayly wasted and consumed in making of the sayde Bowes, and your sayde subiectes by suche losses as they dayly susteyne in makyng suche Bowes greatly impouerished, and the common wealth thereby nothyng aduaunced, but rather hyndered. And where also in the seuerall statutes of the noble Kyng of famous memorie, Kyng Edwarde the fourth, made in the. xrii. yeere of his raigne, and in the thyrde yeere of the raigne of Kyng Henrie the seuenth, Graundfather to our sayde Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, and in the sayd. xxiii. yeere of the raigne of our sayde late Soueraigne Lorde Kyng Henrie the eyght, father to our sayde Soueraigne Ladie, there is mention made of the prices of Bowes, whiche at those seuerall tymes was appoynted to be but iii. s. iiii. d. and not aboue to sell the best. At whiche sayde tymes, suche Bowes myght well haue been solde to any person or persons accordyng to the rates and prices expressed in the sayde seueral actes, vntyll nowe within this twentie yeeres, the prices of Bowe staues haue diuersly been raysed and enhaunced from fyue poundes a hundred, to twelue poundes, or thereaboutes: for whiche causes, the prices conteyned in the sayde seuerall statutes can not be obserued, and yet your Maiesties sayde subiectes the Bowyers, are presently in danger of the sayd seueral statutes concernyng the prices of Bowes: which they humbly beseech your maiestie, with thassent of your high Court of Parliament, may be released vnto them, and the penalties appoynted for the same.

Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned, and establyshed by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Ladie, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the sayd estatutes

of Kyng Edwarde the fourth, and Kyng Henrie the seuenth, concernyng the prices of Bowes, and all the braunches conteyned in the sayde statute of Kyng Henrie the eyght, so farre forth as the same extendeth to the prices of Bowes therein expressed onely, from the first day of this present Parliament, and so for euer, be thereby clearly repealed and made voyde and frustrate, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes: and also al and euery clause & sentence of the sayd statute of Kyng Henrie the eyght, before recited, tendyng to the makyng of Bowes of Elme, Witchhasel, Ashe, and other wood, besides Ewe before rehearsed, or any penaltie therein conteyned for any the sayde last rehearsed premisses, from henceforth for euer shall not be intended, construed, or taken to extende to any Bowyer nowe dwellyng or inhabiting, or whiche hereafter shall happen to dwell or inhabite within the Cities of London & Westminster, or the suburbes of anye of them, or in the Borough of Southwarke, in the Countie of Surrey: The sayde statutes, or any thyng in them, or anye of them conteyned in any wyse to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery the sayde Bowyers within the sayde Cities and Suburbes of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwarke, shall from henceforth from tyme to tyme, and at all tymes hereafter, prouide and haue in his or their custodie the number of fyftie good and able Bowes of Elme, Witchhasell, or Ashe at the least, wel and substancially made and wrought, vpon payne that euery of the sayde Bowyers whiche by the space of twentie dayes shall not haue in his custodie such number of the said Bowes of Witchhasel, Elme, or Ashe readie made and meete to be solde and vsed as aforesayd, shal hereafter for euery Bowe lackyng of the number aforesayde, forfeyte ten shyllynges, the one moytie of which forfeyture, shalbe to our said soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moytie therof shalbe to him or them syng the arte of an Armourer, Fletcher, or maker of Bowstrynges, that wyll sue for the same by action of debt, byll, playnt, or otherwyse, in any court of Recorde, in which action and suite, no protection, or wager of lawe, shall in any wyse be admitted or alowed for the defendaunt.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf anye Bowyer after the first day of May next commyng, doo sel any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng outlandishe Ewe, and of the beste sorte, ouer and aboue the price of. vi.s. viii.d. or doo sell any Bowes meete for mens shootyng, beyng of the second sorte, ouer and aboue the price of. iii.s. iiii.d. or shall sell any Bowes meete for men, as is aforesayde, beyng of the course sorte, called tyuerie Bowes, for, and aboue the price of. ii.s. a peece, or that

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ſhall after the ſayde fyrſt day of May, ſel any Bowes being Engliſhe Ewe, ouer and aboue the price of.ii.s. the peece, that then the ſeller or ſellers of ſuche Bowes, ſhall forfeyte for euery Bowe ſo ſolde ouer and aboue the price aforeſaid.xl.s. the one moitie therof to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other moytie to the partie ſuyng the arte of an Armourer, Fletcher, or maker of Bowſtrynges, that wyll ſue for the ſame in any Court of Recorde, by action of debte, byll, playnt, or otherwyſe, wherin no wager of lawe, eſſoigne, or protection, ſhalbe admitted or alowed: any thyng in this acte, or in any other acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng. This acte to continue vntyl the laſt day of the fyrſt ſeſſion of the next Parliament.

An acte for the true *making of Hattes and Cappes.*

The.xj.Chapter.

WHERE *great multitudes of* the Queenes Maieſties true ſubiectes, vſyng the arte of makyng woollen Cappes, are impouerished and decayed by the exceſſyue vſe of Hattes and Feltes, and thereby dyuers good cities & townes brought to deſolation, great plenty of ſtraunge commodities without neceſſitie conſumed, and great numbers of people enforced to depend vpon the hauing of forraigne Woolles, to the diſcommoditie of this Realme, the diſfurniture of ſeruice to be doone to the Queenes Maieſtie, and greater euident dangers, yf remedie be not prouided: It may therefore pleaſe the Queenes moſte excellent Maieſtie, at the lamentable ſuite and complaynt of her ſayde poore ſubiectes, that it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that no perſon, by hym or her ſelfe, or by any other, ſhall after the feaſt of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptiſt next comming, make or woorke any Felte or Hat, of, or with any forraigne Wooll or ſtuffe, vnleſſe ſuche perſon ſhall fyrſte haue been Apprentice or couenaunt ſeruaunt to ſuch myſterie of Felt or Hat makyng by the ſpace of ſeuen yeeres at the leaſt, vpon payne to forfeyte all ſuche Hattes or

Feltes as he shall make, or cause to be made whyle he woorketh, contrary to the fourme of this act, and fyue poundes in money for euery moneth that he shal so continue.

And be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that from the first day of Apryll next commyng, no person what so euer, shal make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe, or other thyng of Felte, but onely Hattes, nor shall make, sell, or cause to be made or solde anie Cappe of any woollen cloth not knytte. And that no person after the sayde fyrst day of Apryl, shal die, or cause to be died blacke any Cappe with barke or swarfe, but onely with copporasse and gall, or with woad and madder.

And (for the settyng of many poore and impotent persons to woorke, and for better makyng of Cappes) that no person after the sayde fyrst day of Apryll, shall thycke or full in any Myll, or cause to be thycked or fulled in any Myl, any Cappe, vntyll suche tyme as the same Cappe be fyrste well scowred and closed vppon the Bancke, and halfe thycked at the least in the Footestocke. And that no man vnder the degree of a Knyght, or of a Lordes sonne, shall after the sayde fyrst day of Apryl, weare any Hatte or vpper Cappe of Veluet, or couered with Veluet, on payne to forfeyte for euery Hatte, Cappe, or other thyng to be made, died, thycked, fulled, solde, or worne, contrary to the meanyng of this acte, tenne shyllynges, whereof the one moytie shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, the other moytie to suche person then vsyng the feate of Cappe makyng, as wyll sue for the same in any Court of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt, shalbe admitted or alowed.

And for the better and truer making of Cappes & Hattes within this Realme, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lefull to the Maister and Wardens of the companie of Haberdashers within the citie of London, and to their successours, for the tyme beyng, callyng to them one of the companie of the Cappers, and an other of the makers of Hattes, as often as nede shal requyre, within the sayde Citie, or within three myles of the same, to searche all and all maner of Cappers and makers of Hattes, and the offendours and defaultes by them found, to correct and punyshe by fines, and otherwise, as in lyke cases they doo other offendours & defaultes within the sayde companie. And that it shalbe lefull for al Maiors, Baylyffes, and other head officers in all other Cities and Townes corporate to doo the lyke.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery Hatmaker, that nowe is a maker or worker of Hats, and being a housholder, apprentice, couenaunt seruaunt, or iourneyman, shall, or may, during suche persons natural lyfe, continue

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kyng of Hattes and Feltes, albeit ſuche perſon were not bounden Apprentice to the ſame arte for the ſpace of ſeuen yeeres. And be it enacted, that no maker or wooriker of Hattes, ſhall take or receyue any Apprentices, contrary to the true meanyng of this acte, that is to ſay, aboue two Apprentices at one tyme, nor thoſe for any leſſe tyme then ſeuen yeeres at the leaſt, on payne to ſuffer for euery Apprentice to be taken or receyued agaynſt the fourme of this acte, one monethes impriſonment in the common Gaole, without bayle or mayneprize. And that euery takyng or receyuyng of Apprentice contrary to this acte, ſhalbe voyde: And alſo ſuche perſon ſo takyng or receyuyng, ſhalbe from thenceforth diſhabled to haue any moe Apprentices then one at one tyme.

Prouided alway, that nothyng in this acte ſhall extende to charge any perſon alowed to be a Felt maker or Hatmaker, with any payne or forfeyture for ſettyng or vſyng his or their owne chyldren to the making or working of Feltes or Hattes in his or their owne houſes.

Prouided that this acte ſhal not extend to any makyng of Hattes with wooriked yarne, in the citie of Norwiche.

¶ An acte for Thalnegers

fees in Lancaſhyre, and for length, breadth, and weyght of Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges.

The.xij. Chapter.

FOR as muche as dyuers Clothiers inhabiting within the countie Palantine of Lancaſter, ſeeking inordinately their owne ſynguler gaynes, haue of late practiſed priuily to conuey and carrie away out of the ſayde Countie dyuers Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges there made, to be ſolde before ſuche tyme as the Queenes Aſneger of the ſaid Countie hath fyred vnto euery ſuch cloth the Queenes Seale in that behalfe appoynted: and ſometyme counterfeityng and ſettyng to ſuche their clothes Seales of their owne, myndyng thereby not onely to defraude the ſayde Aſneger of his accuſtomable fees, due to be payde to the Queenes hyghneſſe vſe for the ſealyng of euery ſuche cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, but alſo to couer and hyde the vn-

true and deceytefull making of many of the sayde clothes, contrary to the true meaning of sundry good and wholesome estatutes and lawes heretofore made, as well for the true making of the clothes before sayde, as also for the searching, trying, and sealing of the same, to the no little prejudice and damage of the sayde Alneger, who standeth charged with the payment of a great annal farme to the Queenes Maiestie for the sayde Alnege, in deceyte of her highnesse subiectes, and discredite of the commoditie of the sayde clothes.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by our sayde Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that no person or persons, from, and after the fyrst day of Aprill nexte commyng, shall sell, or put to sale within the sayd Countie, or conuey, or carrie, or cause to be conueied and carried out of the sayde Countie of Lancaster, any kynde of clothes, Cottons, Frizes, or Rugges, hereafter to be made within the said Countie Palantine of Lancaster, to be solde before such tyme that the owner or maker of euery suche cloth, Cotton, Frize, or Rugge, shall fire and put to, or cause to be fired and put to euery suche cloth, Frize, Cotton, or Rugge, one Seale of Leade, hauing the marke of euery suche owner or Clothier ingraued on the one syde thereof, and the true length of euery suche cloth, Frize, Cotton, or Rugge, as it is founde beyng wette, to be ingraued on the other syde of the sayde Seale. And also the Queenes highnesse Alneger of the sayd Countie Palantine, for the tyme being, vpon tryal of the weyght of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, shal fire and put, or cause to be fired and put to euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, the Queenes highnesse Seale of Leade, hauing the Portcullies crowned, ingraued on the one syde thereof, and the true weyght of euery suche Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, to be ingraued on the other syde of the sayde Seale, vpon payne of forfeyture of all and euery such clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, conueyed, carried, sent, solde, and put to sale, or to the intent to be solde being vnsealed, contrary to the meaning of this present acte: the one moytie therof to be to the vse of the Queenes highnesse, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie thereof, to suche person or persons that shall sease the same cloth, Cotton, Fryze or Rugge, or wyl sue for the same, to be recouered in any of the Queenes highnesse Courtes of Recorde, by bill, playnt, information, or other wyse, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe alowed for the defendaunt.

AND be it further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Alneger after the sayde fyrste day of Aprill, shall appoynt and haue his lawfull deputie within euery of the seuerall Townes of Manchester, Rochedale, Bolton, Blakeborne,

borne, and Berie in the sayd Countie, where the sayde Alneger hath been accustomed to haue his deputie heretofore, there to be redie vpon lawfull requeit vnto him made, without delay, to wey euery of the sayd Cottons, Frizes, and Rugges, as shalbe brought vnto euery suche deputie, and sealed with the Seale of the owner or maker of euery of the same clothes, in fourme beforesayde, and to fyre and set to euery of the sayde clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, the Queenes highnesse Seale beforesayd, to be ingraued in maner and fourme before mentioned, vppon payne of forfeyture of twentie shyllynges for euery packe of Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges sealed by the sayde Alneger, or any of his sayde deputies, before the same be weyed in fourme beforesayde, the one moytie thereof to be to the vse of the Queenes highnesse, her heyres and successours, and the other moytie thereof, to him or them that wyl sue for the same in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courtes of Recorde, by byll, playnt, information, action of debte, or otherwyse, wherein no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne, shalbe alowed.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that it shalbe lawfull for the sayde Alneger, or his deputie, to haue and take of the owner or maker of euery of the sayde clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, for the weying and sealyng of euery packe of the sayde clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, three pence. And for euery peece of suche course clothes, Cottons, Frizes, and Rugges, not amountyng to a whole packe, one halfe penie, and the same to be payde by the owner or brynger of the sayde clothes, at the weying and sealyng of the same: any custome, vse, or prescription to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

And for as much as such persons as commonly do vse to vtter and sel the said seueral kindes of Cottons, Frizes, & Rugges, haue been, & are daily molested, vexed, and troubled, to their great losse and hinderaunce, by meanes of the crueltie of Infourmers & Searchers, seeking continually their owne priuate gayne, by finding of the sayde Cottons, Frizes, & Rugges, at no time made according to such forme of weyght, lengthes, and breadthes, as by the former statutes of this realme, lately made for the true making of woollen cloth, is limitted and appoynted: And for that the same persons doo alleage that the makers of the saide Cottons, Frizes, & Rugges, can by no meanes be reduced to obserue the saide weyghtes, lengthes, & breadthes, in making of the said Cottons, Frizes, and Rugges, according to the forme of the said former estatutes, without the vtter vndoing of great numbers of poore people that are commonly the makers of suche kinde of clothes, & that by meanes herof, the said Cottons, Frizes, & Rugges, sithence the making of the said estatutes, haue ben, & are more scarse and dearer then they were before the making of the sayde estatutes,

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and in nothyng at all amended in ſubſtaunce or fourme of makyng.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted, that from and after the fyrſt day of Aprill next commyng, euery of the ſayde Cottons beyng ſufficiently mylled or thycked, cleane ſcowred, wel wrought, and fully dried, ſhall weygh. xxi. pounde at the leaſt, and ſhall conteyne in length. xxi. goades, or. xx. goades at the leaſt, and in breadth at the moſt three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters of the yarde at the leaſt. And that euery of the ſayde Fryzes or Rugges being thycked and fully dried, ſhal weygh. xiiii. pound at the leaſt, and ſhall conteyne in length betwixt. xxxv. yardes, and. xxxvii. yardes, and ſhall conteyne in breadth at the moſte three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters at the leaſt, and not to be ſtrayned vpon the tayntours aboue one nayle in breadth. And alſo if any of the ſaid Cottons, Frizes, or Rugges, ſhalbe of any greater length then is before ſeuerally expreſſed, that then euery goade or yarde ſo exceedyng the ſayde ſeueral lengthes, ſhall weygh after ſuch rate as euery goade or yarde of ſuche Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, conteynyng the ſayde ſeueral lengthes, ſhall, or ought to weygh, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery goade or yarde not weyghing after ſuche rate. xii. d. And alſo yf any of the ſayde Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, ſhalbe of any leſſe weyght then is before ſeuerally limitted and appoynted, that then all and euery ſuche perſon or perſons, that ſhal ſo ſel, or cauſe to be ſolde anye ſuch Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, ſhal forfeyte for euery pounde lackyng vnder three poundes. xii. d. and for euery pounde weyght lackyng aboue three poundes. v. s. thone halfe of which forfeytures, ſhalbe to our Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes hyghneſſe, her heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other halfe thereof, to ſuch perſons or perſon that ſhal ſue for the ſame, by action of debte, byl, playnt, or information, in any of the Queenes Maieſties Courtes of Recorde, wherein no eſſoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, ſhalbe admitted or alowed for the defendaunt.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that all and euery braunche, clauſe, ſentence, and article ſpecified and conteyned in any other actes of parliament before this tyme made, concernyng the ſealyng and makyng of the ſayde Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, ſhalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed, voyde, and of none effect: any thyng in the ſayde actes conteyned to the contrary in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte ſhal not in any wyſe extend to be preiudiciall or hurtfull vnto any charter or libertie of any Borough or corporate Towne, within the ſayd Countie Palantine of Lancaſter, concerning the makyng and puttyng to ſale of any woollen cloth: any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

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An acte concernyng Sea markes, and Mariners.

The.xiij. Chapter.

WHEREas the Maiſter, wardens, and Aſſyſtauntes of the Trinitie houſe of Deptforde ſtrond, being a companie of the cheefeſt and moſt expert maiſters & gouernours of Shyps, incorporate within themſelues, charged with the conduction of the Queenes Maieſties Naule royall, are bounde to foreſee the good encreaſe & maintenaunce of Shyps, and of all kynde of men traded and brought vp by water craſte, moſte meete for her Maieſties Marine ſeruice: And for as much as by the deſtroying and taking away of certaine ſteeples, wooddes, and other markes ſtandyng vppon the mayne ſhores, adioynyng to the Sea coaſtes of this Realme of Englande and Wales, being as beakons and markes of auncient tyme accuſtomed for Seafaryng men, to ſaue and keepe them and the Shyppes in their charge from ſundry dangers therto incident, diuers Shyppes with their goodes & marchaundiſes in ſailyng from forraigne partes towardes this Realme of Englande and Wales, and ſpecially to the Port and ryuer of Thames, haue by the lacke of ſuche markes of late yeeres been miſcarried, periſhed, and loſt in the Sea, to the great detriment and hurt of the common weale, and the periſhing of no ſmal number of people.

For remedie wherein to be had, be it enacted, eſtabliſhed, and ordeyned by the Queenes moſte excellente Maieſtie, by the conſentes of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by aucthoritie of the ſame, that the foreſayde Maiſter, Wardens, and Aſſyſtauntes of the Trinitie houſe at Deptforde ſtronde aforeſayde, being a companie incorporated as before, ſhall, and may lawfully by vertue of this acte, from tyme to tyme hereafter at their wylles and pleaſures, and at their coſtes, make, erecte, and ſet vp ſuche and ſo many beakons, markes, and ſignes for the Sea, in ſuche place or places of the Sea ſhores and vplandes neare the Sea coaſtes or forelandes of the Sea, onely for Sea markes, as to them ſhall ſeeme moſte meete,

meete, needefull, and requisite, wherby the dangers may be auoyded and escaped, and shyppes the better come vnto their portes without perill. And that all suche Beakons, markes, and signes so to be by them or their assignes erected, made, and set vp at the costes and charges of the sayde Maister, Wardens, and Assystauntes, shall, and may be continued, renued, and maynteyned from tyme to tyme at the costes and charges of the said Maister, Wardens, & Assystauntes: any thyng to the contrary hereof, notwithstandyng.

And be it further ordeyned and enacted by the auctho*r*itie afore-sayde, that no steeples, trees, or other thynges nowe standyng as Beakons or markes for the sea, whereof to the owner or occupier of the place (where the same doeth growe or stande, before the fyrst day of March next comming) notice shalbe geuen by the Queenes Maiesties letters vnder her signet, shall at any tyme hereafter be taken downe, felled, or otherwise cut downe, vpon payne that euery person by whose procurement or consent such offence shalbe committed, shal forfeyte the summe of one hundred poundes, whereof the one moytie to the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moytie to be to the Maister, Wardens, and Assystauntes of the sayde Trinitie house. And yf the sayde person or persons so offendyng, be not of the value of one hundred poundes, then the same person and persons to be deemed conuicte of outlarie, ipso facto, to all constructions and purposes.

And further be it enacted by auctho*r*itie aforesayde, that al Mariners and Seafaryng men, dwellyng about the sayde ryuer of Thames, beyng therto licenced by the sayde Maister, Wardens, and Assystauntes, and hauyng sufficient certificate of suche licence from the sayde Maister and Wardens, as well betweene their voyages, as at other times at their wylles and pleasure by force hereof, the better to keepe and refrayne them selues from follie, idlenesse, and lewde companie, and for the releefe of them, their wyues and chyldren, shal, and may freely and quietly exercise and rowe in their owne wherries, or any other mens wherries by them to be hyred, or wherein they shalbe hyred to worke vp and downe the sayde ryuer of Thames, to appeare and folowe the ordinarie passyng and carrying of the Queenes Maiesties people to and fro, as other watermen, commonly called wherrymen, of the same ryuer vse and accustome to doo, without impeachement, hinderaunce, or let to the contrary. And that such Seafaryng men shall not thereby be drawen vnder anye other gouernement, then vnder the sayde Maister, Wardens, and Assystauntes, as they were before: any acte, statute, prouision, proclamation, ordinaunce, or custome heretofore agaynst the premisses ordeyned or made in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

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¶ An acte touchyng transportyng of tawed Leather.

The xiiij. Chapter.

FOR as much as in one Acte made in the fyrſt ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, entytuled: An Acte againſt the carrying of Sheepe ſkynnes and Peltes ouer the Sea, not being Staple ware, there is conteyned one braunche agaynſt the makyng of any Peltes by any perſon, other then ſuche as are permitted to make the ſame by the ſayde ſtatute: The execution of whiche braunche hath been put in ſuſpence, by reaſon that ſome other partes of the ſame ſtatute are ſuppoſed to be agaynſt the entercourſe of the lowe Countreyes of the Kyng of Spayne:

Be it therefore declared and enacted by the auctheritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſayde fyrſte braunche of the ſayde ſtatute, beyng not agaynſt the ſayde entercourſe, ſhall from henceforth be put in due execution. And for as muche as great multitudes of the Queenes Maieſties liege people haue been ſet on worke by conuertyng of Sheepe ſkynnes and Lambes ſkynnes into tawed Leather and Parchement here within this Realme, whiche by one other braunche of the ſayd ſtatute is prohibited to be tranſported out of the Realme in Leather. And where the conuerting of ſuch ſkynnes into Leather and Parchement, hath been great maintenaunce of many thouſandes of the ſubiectes of this Realme, and greater dayly wyll be, to the great benefyte of this Realme, yf the ſayde fyrſte braunche concernyng makyng of Peltes be duely put in execution, where otherwiſe yf the ſaide Peltes ſhoulde be tranſported into other Realmes, the ſame woulde be an occaſion of the impouerifhyng of many of the naturall Engliſhe people of this Realme.

Be it therfore enacted by auctheritie of this preſent Parliament, that ſo muche of the ſayde ſtatute as concerneth the tranſportyng of tawed Leather to be made of Sheepe ſkynnes, & Lambesſkynnes, ſhall from henceforth as touchyng onely the tranſportyng of ſuche tawed Leather, be repealed and voyde: any thyng in the ſayd ſtatute to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

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Anno octauo

¶ An acte for preſeruation of Grayne.

The.xv. Chapter.

HERE in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter vpon prorogation the fourth day of February, in the xxiiii. yere of the raigne of the noble prince of famous memory, king Henrie the eight: amongeſt other actes, one ſtatute was made and prouided for the deſtruction of Crowes, Rookes, and Choughes: In whiche eſtatute, is conteined one braunche concerning the prouiſion, puttyng in vre, and maintenance of nettes and ſhrapes, which braunche, being very good and beneficial, long tyme ſythence was expired: Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted, by the Queene our ſoueraigne Ladie, with the aſſent of the Lordes ſpiritual & temporal, & of the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that onely the ſayde braunche of the ſame eſtatute, concernyng the prouiſion, vſe, and maintenaunce of nettes and ſhrapes, for the deſtruction of Crowes, Rookes, and Chaughes, and all and euery article, forfeyture, and penaltie conteyned in the ſayde braunche, for, and concernyng the prouiſion and puttyng in vre of the ſame nettes, and for the maintenaunce therof, according to the fourme therein limitted: ſhal from henceforth be reuiued, and put in due execution, & that al and euery other braunche and article conteyned in the ſame eſtatute, ſhalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed and made voyde to al intentes and purpoſes.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that in euery Pariſhe, the Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, with others of the Pariſhioners, to the number of fiue perſons, to be required by the Churchwardens, ſhall after the feaſt of Saint Michael tharchaungell next comming, yerely in one of the feſtiuall daies in the Eaſter weeke, and at euery other time when and as often as it is and ſhalbe nedefull, tare and aſſeſſe euery proprietour, farmour, and other perſon, hauing the poſſeſſion of any lande or tythes within their ſeuerall pariſhes, to pay ſuche ſumme of money, as they ſhall thinke meete, according to the quantitie and por-

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tion of ſuche landes or tythes as the ſame perſons ſo aſſeſſed, doo, or ſhall haue or holde. And yf the ſayde ſummes of money, or any of them ſo tared and aſſeſſed, be, or ſhalbe denyed to be payde, or be not payde within fourtiene dayes nexte after requeſt thereof made by the ſayde Churchwardens, or one of them, then euery perſon ſo denying or makyng ſuche defaulte of paymente, ſhall forfeyte for euery tyme fyue ſhyllynges, and the ſame togeather with the ſayde ſumme or ſummes aſſeſſed and tared, as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe leuied by diſtreſſe of the goodes and catteiles of ſuche perſon and perſons ſo aſſeſſed, and refuſing to pay ſuche ſumme, to be taken by the Churchwardens, or one of them, whiche diſtreſſe ſhalbe ordered and vſed in ſuche manner and fourme as diſtreſſes taken for amerciamentes in any leetes, and the ſame ſummes ſo tared and aſſeſſed, and the ſayde penalties, yf any be ſo by them leuied, as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe yerely by the ſayde Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, or one of them, of euery ſuche Pariſhe, delyuered by byll or bylles indented, to two honeſt and ſubſtanciall perſons of euery ſuche Pariſhe, whiche ſhalbe elected and appoynted by the ſayde Churchwardens, for the tyme being, to haue the yeerely diſtribution thereof, and ſhalbe named the diſtributers of the prouiſion for the deſtruction of noyfull foules, and vermine. And the ſayde diſtributers ſo appoynted, as is aforeſayde, ſhall geue and pay of the ſame money ſo to them delyuered, to euery perſon that ſhall bryng to them anye heades of olde Crowes, Choughes, Pyes, or Rookes taken within the ſeuerall Paryſhes, for the heades of euery three of them, a penie. And for the heades of euery fyre young Crowes, Choughes, Pyes, or Rookes taken, as is aforeſayde, a penie. And for euery fyre egges of anye of them vnbroken, a penie. And lykewyſe for euery twelue Stares heades, a penie. All whiche ſayde heades and egges, the ſayde diſtributers in ſome conuenient place ſhal keepe, and ſhal euery moneth at leaſt, bryng foorth the ſame before the ſayd Churchwardens and Carers, or three of them, and then and there to them ſhall make a true accompte in wrytyng what money they haue layde foorth, and payde for ſuche heades and egges, and for the heades of ſuche other rauenous brydes and vermine, as are hereafter in this acte mentioned: that is to ſay: For euery head of Merten Hawkes, Furſehytte, Woldhytte, Buſarde, Schagge, Carmeraunt, or Ryngtayle, two pence, and for euery two egges of them, one penie. For euery Iron or Oſprayes head, foure pence. For the head of euery Woodwal, Pye, Jaye, Rauen, or Kyte, one penie. For the head of euery bryde whiche is called the Kynges Fyſher, one penie. For the head of euery Bullfynce, or other bryde that deuoureth the blowth of fruite, one penie. For the heades of euery Fore or Gray, twelue pence, and for the head

of euery Fytche we, Polcat, Weſel, Stote, Fayre Bade, or wylde Cat, a penie. For the heades of euery Otter or Hedgehogges, two pence. For the heades of three Rattes, or twelue Mile, a penie. For the heades of euery Want or Moldwarpe, a halfe penie. For the heades of euery whiche byrdes and vermine laſt mencioned, the ſayde diſtributers ſhal lykewyſe pay and geue to the brynger of them for euery head kylled and taken within their ſeuerall Pariſhe, as is before limitted, and ſhall keepe the ſame to be ſhewed foorth vppon their accompt, in maner and fourme as is aforeſayd. All which ſayde heades and egges, ſhalbe foorthwith after ſuche accompte made, in the preſence of the ſaide Churchwardens and Taxers, or of three of them, burned, conſumed, or cut in ſunder. And yf vpon any accompte to be made in the ende and determination of the office of any ſuche diſtributers, it ſhall appeare that any ſumme of money is remaynyng in the handes of the ſayde diſtributers, or of any of them, then the ſame ſhalbe by bill indented, as is aforeſayde, delyuered ouer to ſuche perſons as be or ſhalbe elected to the ſame office for the yere next folowing, by them to be diſtributed, as is aforeſayde.

And for the better execution of this acte, it be alſo enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that it may and ſhalbe lawful, to, and for euery perſon and perſons, whiche hereafter wyll trauayle for the takyng of Crowes, Rookes, Choughes, and other the vermine aboueſayde, to enter for the ſame purpoſe and intent into any place therfore mete and conuenient, with the conſent of the owner or occupier of the ſame, and there to vſe ſuche nettes, engins, and other reaſonable deuiſes, as are meete and conuenient for the takyng and deſtruction of ſuche vermine (handgunnes and croſbowes excepted) and ſhall take and haue al ſuche Crowes, Choughes, Rookes, and other vermine to his and their owne vſes. And if the ſaide Churchwardens, and fyre perſons of any Pariſhe or Pariſhes, ſo required by the Churchwardens, as is aforeſayde, or the perſons elected for diſtributers, or any of them, ſhall refuſe or make defaulte in the execution of this acte, or any parte thereof, contrary to the fourme aforeſayd, then euery ſuche perſon ſhal forfeyte for euery ſuch default, fyue poundes, the one moytie therof, to be to our Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other moytie thereof, to hym or them vſyng tyllage yeerely within the ſame Shyre, that ſhal ſue for the ſame in any court of record of our ſoueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, by action of debte, or byl of information, wherein the defendaunt or defendauntes ſhal haue no protection, eſſoigne, or wager of lawe alowed or admitted.

Prouided alwaies, & be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforeſaid, that this act, or any braunch therin conteyned, ſhal not in any wyſe

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ertende to geue any libertie or aucthoritie to any person or persons, to vse or exercise any meane or engin, for the destruction of Crowes or Rookes, Chaughes, or other the vermin aforesayde, in any place or places, to the disturbaunce, let, or destruction of the buyldyng or breedyng of any kynde of Hawkes, Herons, Egrits, Paupers, Swannes, or Shouelers, or to the hurt & destruction of any Doues, Douehouses, Deere, or warren of Conies: Any thyng in this Acte to the contrary conteyned, notwithstandyng.

And be it further prouided, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteined, shal not extend to geue or appoynt any summe or summes of money, to be geuen, paide, or distributed to any person or persons, for the head or heades of any Busarde, Ryngtayle, Yerne, Polcatte, Fitchewe, or Stote, taken in any parke, warren, or ground, employed to the mayntenaunce of any game of Conies, or to any Stares taken in Douehouses, nor to the hyllyng and bryngyng the head of any Kyte or Rauen killed in any Citie or Towne corporate, or within two myles of the same. This Acte to continue to the ende of the next Parliament.

An act that in diuers Counties there ſhalbe but one Sheriffe in one Countie.

The .xvi. Chapter.

Here as in the Counties and Shires of Surrey & Suſſex, Eſſex & Hertforde, Somerſet and Dorſet, Warwicke and Leiceſter, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks, of long time haue had but one Sheriffe, to ſerue for two of the ſayde Counties, that is to ſay, one for Surrey and Suſſex, and one other for Eſſex & Hertforde, and one other for Somerſet and Dorſet, and one other for Warwicke and Leiceſter, and one other for Nottingham and Derby, and one other for Oxon and Barks. The occaſion whereof in the beginning (as it ſhoulde ſeeme) was, for that euery of the ſayde ſeuerall Counties, were not then ſo well inhabited with gentlemen of good abilitie, to ſerue in

the ſayd office, as (thankes be to God) they be at this preſent. And forasmuche as the ſeruice and charges of that office of Sheriſwyke of the ſayde Counties, is more then in tymes paſt it hath been, and is nowe commonly greater then one Sheriffe is able to ſerue and ſupply: Therefore ſuche gentlemen as doo dwell in the ſayde ſeuerall Counties, are very deſyrous to haue for euery of the ſayd Counties, one Sheriffe, to be yeerely made and appoynted for the ſame. And for that the hauyng of ſeuerall Sheriffes accordyngly, can not be hurtful to any, but thereby may growe ſome eaſe of charges and trouble to ſuche as ſhall hereafter be appoynted to ſuche office, and alſo the ſayde office better ſerued and executed, then heretofore hath been.

Be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the Queenes moſte excellent Maieſtie, her heyres and ſucceſſours, Kynges or Queenes of this Realme, ſhall and may from and after the fyrſt day of Nouember, whiche ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lord God, a thouſande, fyue hundred, threeſcore and ſeuen, yerely chooſe and make for euery of the ſayd Counties before named, one ſufficient and able perſon, to be Sheriffe of the ſame, in ſuche lyke maner and fourme, as is and hath ben vſed to be choſen, made, and done for any other Countie or Shire within this Realme: Any lawe, cuſtome, or vſage, heretofore had or vſed to the contrary therof, notwithſtanding. And that euery perſon, which after the ſayde fyrſt day of Nouember ſhalbe made and appoynted Sheriffe, for anye of the ſaid Counties, ſhalbe accomptable and vſed in the order of his accompt, and al other thinges, and allowaunce to hym to be made, in the courte of Exchequer, and all other courtes and places, in ſuche maner and fourme, as is commonly vſed for Sheriffes in like caſes.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that the Barons of the Queenes highneſſe, her heires and ſucceſſours, of the court of Exchequer for the tyme beyng, callyng vnto them alwell her or theyr graces officers of remembraunce, and the Treaſourers remembraunce, togeather with the Clarke of the Pipe of the ſame court, as alſo the ſeueral Sheriffes, the whiche next after the ſayde firſt day of Nouember, ſhalbe by her hyghneſſe, her heyres and ſucceſſours, conſtituted, named, and appoynted of euery of the ſayde ſeueral Counties of Surrey and Suſſex, Eſſex and Hertforde, Somerſet and Dorſet, Warwicke and Leiceſter, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks, ſhal haue by vertue of this Acte of Parliament, full power and auctoritie to ſeuer and diuide by the diſcretion and iudgement of the ſayde Barons, all and ſinguler the profiters of the ſayde Counties of Surrey and Suſſex, Eſſex and Hertforde, Somerſet and Dorſet, Warwicke and Leceſter, Nottingham and Derby, Oxon and Barks.

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The whiche sayde seueraunce and diuision of the sayde proffers, shal be entred of recorde in the sayde court of Exchequer, and shalbe final and perpetuall, duryng so long tyme as this present Acte of Parliament shal endure and haue continuaunce.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in suche and the same manner and fourme as the saide proffers shalbe diuided, euen so the tayle of rewarde of euery of the foresayde Counties, where any tayle of rewarde hereafter shalbe taken, shalbe seuered and diuided in manner and fourme aforesayde.

And be it likewyse further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayd Barons, for the tyme beyng, of the Queenes hyghnesse sayde court of Exchequer, and of her heyres and successours, calling vnto them the sayde officers of the Treasourers remembrauncer, and the Clarke of the Pipe, shall haue full power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme, to take order and appoyntment, for the true and speedy payment and contentation of such creation money, fees, and annuities, and al other summes of money, as haue ben accustomed to haue ben payde, or of right ought to haue ben payde to anye person or persons by the handes of the sayd seueral Sheriffes. And that suche order, direction, and appoyntment so made, had, and taken by the sayde Barons, in manner and fourme last before recited, shalbe obserued, perfourmed, fulfylled, and kept yerely, aswel by both the Sheriffes of the sayde seueral Counties of Surrey and Sussex for the tyme beyng, as by the sayde seuerall Sheriffes for the tyme beyng, of the sayde Counties of Essex and Hertforde, and of Somerset and Dorset, and of Warwicke and Leycester, and of Nottingham and Derby, and of Oxon and Barks: Any vsage, lawe, or custome to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no Sheriffe hereafter to be chosen and made of any one of the sayde Counties in this Acte mentioned, shall pay in anye courte of recorde, for any duetie belongyng properly to the office of Sheriffe, any other fees or charges then only the one halfe of the charges and fees whiche he shoulde be compelled to haue payde, yf he had ben Sheriffe of two of the sayd Shires and Counties, as before the makyng of this Acte was vsed: Any lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

This Acte to continue and endure vnto the ende of three whole yeeres, to be accompted from the feast of all Saintes, in the yeere of our Lorde God a thousande, fyue hundred, threescore and seuen, and from thence to the ende of the next Parliament then next folowing the ende of the sayde three yeeres.

Anno octauo

¶ An acte for confirmation of a Subſedie graunted by the Cleargie.

The.xvii.Chapter.

Here the Prelates and Cleargie of the Prouince of Canterbury, haue louingly and liberally for certayne conſyderations, geuen and graunted to the Queenes Maieſtie, a Subſedie of foure ſhyllynges of the pounde, to be taken and leuied of al and ſinguler theyr promotions ſpirituall within the ſame prouince, duryng the terme of three yeeres now next enſuing, in ſuche certaine maner and fourme, and with ſuche exceptions and prouiſions, as be ſpecified and contayned in a certayne inſtrument, by them thereof made, and deliuered to the Queenes highneſſe, vnder the ſeale of the moſt reuerende father in God, Matthewe, nowe Archbyſhop of Canterbury, and Primate of al Englande: whiche inſtrument is nowe exhibited in this preſent Parliament to be ratified. The tenour whereof, enſueth in theſe wordes.

The Prelates and Cleargie of the Prouince of Canterbury, being lawfully congregated and aſſembled togeather in a conuocation or Synode, callyng to theyr remembraunce the great and manyfolde benefites, whiche they haue manye and ſundry wayes receiued of your Maieſties moſt gratious bountifulneſſe, principally for the ſettyng forth and aduauncyng of Gods holy woorde, his ſincere and true religion, and abolyſhyng of al forayne power, contrary to the ſame. Conſyderyng alſo the great debtes, wherewith the imperiall crowne of this Realme was charged, when it pleaſed almyghty God fyrſt to cal your highneſſe to the gouernance of the ſame. And further, weighing the great charges, wherewith your Maieſtie both hath ben, and is like to be burdened hereafter, for the defending and preſeruyng your highneſſe Realme, and naturall ſubiectes in Chriſtian peace, tranquilitie, and ſafetie.

In conſyderation thereof, and for a true declaration of our bounden dueties, good hartes, and myndes towardes your Maieſtie, with

with one vniforme agreement, accorde, and consent together, with moste hartie good wyl haue geuen and graunted, and by these presentes do geue and graunt to your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, one Subsedie, in manner and fourme folowyng.

That is to say: that euery Archbyshop, Byshop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouost, Maister of Colledge, Prebendarie, Parson, Vicar, and euery other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree he or they be, within the Prouince of Canterburye, enioying anye spirituall promotion, or other temporal possessions, to the same spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not diuided nor separated by Acte of Parliament, or otherwyse, from the possession of the Cleargie: shall paye to your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, for euery pounde that he may yeerely dispende by reason of the sayd spirituall promotion, the summe of foure shyllynges. And for the true and certayne value of all the promotions, and euery of them, whereof the payment of this Subsedie shalbe made, the rate, taration, valuation, and estimation, nowe remaynyng of record in your Maiesties courte of Exchequer, for the paymente of the perpetuale disme or tenth, graunted to your Maiesties moste noble father, in the.xxvi. yeere of his raigne, concerning suche promotions as nowe be in possession of the Cleargie, or of any other, not diuided by Acte of Parliament, or otherwise alienated from the possession of the Cleargie, shall only be folowed and obserued, without making any valuation, rate, taration, or estimation, other then in the sayde record is nowe comprysed.

Prouided alwayes, that forasmuche as the tenth part of the sayde rate and valuation before mentioned, is yeerely payde to your hyghnesse for the saide perpetual disme, so as there remayneth only niene partes to the incumbent cleare: This Subsedie of foure shyllynges the pounde, shalbe vnderstanded and meant of euery pounde only of the sayde niene partes, and of no more.

Prouided alwayes, that no person that is alredy promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, sithens the.xxiiii. day of May last past, or that hereafter shalbe promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, on this side the.xxiiii. day of May. whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God, a thousand, fyue hundred, threescore and niene, by reason wherof he is, shall, or may be charged to the payment of the first fruites for the sayd promotion, shalbe contributorye or charged for the same to your highnesse, your heyres or successours, with any parte of this Subsedie, duryng the fyrste yeere after the acceptaunce of his sayd promotion.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie also do graunt, that this Subsedie of.iiii.s. the pound, of the niene partes of the yeerely value of euery promotion spirituall aforesayde, within the sayde prouince, tared

tared as is aforesaid, shalbe paide to your Maiestie, your heyres and successours, within three yeeres next ensuyng the date hereof, in maner & fourme folowyng. That is to say, sixtiene pence of euery pound aforesayde, in euery of the sayde three yeeres. The fyrst payment therof, to be due at the .xxiiii. day of May nexte ensuyng, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thousande, fyue hundred, threescore and seuen. And the seconde payment thereof, to be due at the .xxiiii. day of May then next folowyng, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fiue hundred, threescore and eyght. And the thirde payment thereof to be due the .xxiiii. day of May, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde, a thousande, fiue hundred, threescore and niene: To be deliuered and payde yeerely by suche person and persons, as in this present graunt shalbe appoynted to haue the collection thereof, to the Lorde hygh Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of Englande for the tyme beyng, or to suche other person or persons, and in suche place or places as it shal please your hyghnesse to appoynt, to be payde at or before the last day of October, in euery of the sayde three yeeres, without paying any thyng to the receiuer, or to any other officers or persons, to be assigned for the receypt therof, for any acquittaunce or other discharge vpon any such payment and receyte of the sayde Subsedie, or any part thereof to be geuen and deliuered, but only foure pence, and that to the Clarke, for the wryting of euery of the same acquittaunces or discharge, for euery of the same paymentes.

Item your sayd graces Prelates and Cleargie also do graunt, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauyng any pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, Free Chappels, Chaunteries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitalles, or of any spiritual dignitie or corporation, nowe dissolued within the sayde prouince of Canterburie, shall lykewyse paye to your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, foure shyllynges of euery pounde of the sayd pensions, within the sayd three yeeres, at such dayes and tymes as are before specified. And that for the sure payment thereof, deduction and retention of the sayde foure shyllynges shalbe made yeerely in the handes of the payers of the sayde pensions, after the rate and proporcion of sixtiene pence the pounde, euery of the sayde three yeeres, to be delyuered and payde by your highnesse receiuers and officers, deputed for the payment of suche pensions vnto your Maiesties vse, at suche tyme and to suche persons, as the Subsedie of foure shyllynges the pounde aforesaid, shalbe payde vnto.

Item, your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do graunt, that euery priest or minister stipendarie, receiuing an annuall stipende, beyng no perpetuitie, of sixe poundes, xiii.s. iiii.d. or aboue, within the

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sayde prouince, shall pay vnto the vse of your highnesse, your heyres and successours, sixe shyllynges and eight pence, in euery of the said three yeeres, at such tyme and to such persons as the sayde Subsidie shalbe payde. And for default of payment of the sayde stipendaries, that euery parson, vicar, or other spirituall or temporall person, proprietarie, or farmer, hyreryng any priest or minister to serue in any place, shalbe aunswearable and charged for and with the payment of the sayd. vi.s. viii d. for the sayde priest or minister, euery of the sayde three yeeres, and shall and may make retention of his and their wages quarterly, of so much as the sayde stipendaries be charged with by this present graunt, euery of the sayd three yeeres.

Item, your sayde Prelates and Cleargie further do graunt, that euery Archbyshop and Byshop, and the See beyng voyde, euery Deane and Chaptour of that See voyde, shalbe Collectours of this Subsidie within their proper dioces duryng the sayde three yeeres, other then of the pensioners aforesayd. And the sayde Archbyshop, Bishop, or the See beyng voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, shal certifie into your Maiesties court of Exchequer vnder their seales, the names and surnames of al suche stipendarie priestes and ministers within their dioces as be chargeable by this Acte, before the sayde last day of October yerely, duryng the sayd three yeeres.

And your sayd Prelates and Cleargie do moste humbly beseeche your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by your sayde Maiestie, and your hygh courte of Parliament (for the speedye payment of the sayde Subsidie, and to auoyde delayes thereof) that when and as often as any Collectour or Collectours chargeable with the collection of this Subsidie, or of any part thereof, or the deputie or deputies of any of them, shall offer the payment thereof, or of any parte thereof to the vse of your Maiestie, your heyres or successours, to any person or persons appoynted to receiue the same by your hyghnesse, or by the sayde Lorde high Treasourer or Subtreasourer: that the sayde person or persons so appoynted, shall within foure dayes nert after suche appoyntment, receiue or cause to be receiued the money so offered to be payde, without any further delay: and shall deliuer one sufficient byl, testifiyng the receyt therof, to the sayd Collectour, or his deputie, vpon euery suche particuler payment. And that euery such auditour as is or shalbe appointed to take or receiue thaccompt of any such Collectour or Collectours, shall within sixe dayes next after requeste to him to be made, truely and indifferently take the said accompt, and make allowaunce as by this graunt is appoynted, vpon paine that euery suche person or persons appoynted to receiue the summe or summes so offered, and euery such auditour, shall lose and forfeyte for euery defaulte or delay to be made, to the sayde Collectour or Collectours, so offeryng to make payment or accompte,

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as is afore sayde, the summe of tenne poundes of lawfull money of England, the one moitie there of to be to your Maiestie, your heyres and successours, and the other moitie to the sayde Collectour or Collectours so greeued, the same to be payde vpon complaynt made to the sayde Lorde Treasourer, vndertreasourer, or to the Lorde chiefe Baron of your Maiesties court of Exchequer, who vpon suche complaynt, shal presently examine the matter, and fyndyng default, shal commyt the offender to warde, there to remayne vntyl he shall haue payde the sayde seueral summes so forfeyted.

And for the better leuying and recouering of the sayd Subsedie, your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do like wise most humbly beseeche your highnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie, and your sayde hygh court of Parliament, in manner and fourme folowyng. That is to say: that euery Collectour of the sayde Subsedie, and of euery parte and parcel thereof, and their lawful deputie or deputies, may haue full power and aucthoritie, to vse all suche wayes and meanes, and procesle, as be prescribed in the Acte of perpetuall disme, for the collection and leuying of the same, and may make accompt thereof, before the Lorde high Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of England for the tyme beyng, or any other officers by your highnesse, or your court of Exchequer, to be appoynted for the same, and in suche place as your maiestie lykewyse shall assigne, in suche wyse and after suche fourme only, as the sayde Archbyshops and Byshops be nowe charged to make accompt for the sayde perpetuall disme or tenth, whereby is meant, that the lache and default of payment of and for any perticuler promotion or promotions, shall only charge the incumbent or incumbentes, and such others as be bound to pay the same. And that the Archbyshop, Byshop, Deane and Chaptour, geatheryng that which they can receiue, and makyng payment therof, shall for the rest, not by them receiued, be discharged by their certificate, to be made before the last day of October, in euery of the sayde three yeeres, vnto your highnesse court of Exchequer: And that sixe pence of euery pounde, wherewith the Collectour shalbe charged in his accompte, clearely to be payde into the receipt of your Maiesties Exchequer, or into suche other place, as shall please your hyghnesse to appoynt, shalbe allowed to the sayde Collectour vpon his accompt for the same, in euery of the sayd three yeeres, for the charges of collection, portage, sale conueyng, and payyng of the same Subsedie.

And moreouer, that it may be enacted lykewyse, that after any payment of the sayde Subsedie shalbe once due by vertue of this graunt in any of the sayde three yeeres, yf any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, charged to the payment of the same Subsedie, being at any tyme, after that the same payment

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shalbe due, lawfully monished eyther personally, or at his dignitie, Stall, Churche, or Mansion house, by the Archbyshop or Byshop of the Dioces, or their deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chapter, the See being voyde, or by any their deputie or deputies, aucthorised in that behalfe to appeare by hym selfe, or his deputie, at a certayne day or place of conuenient distaunce, to the sayde incumbent then to be signified and prefixed, then and there to pay suche parte of the sayde Subsidie for his benefice or promotion spirituall, as then by vertue of this graunt shalbe due, doo not eyther at the same day and place so to him signified & prefixed, truely content and pay, or cause to be contented and payde, the same parte of the sayde Subsidie, which then by him shalbe due to be payde vnto the same Archbyshop or Byshop, or to their deputie or deputies, or to the Deane and Chapter of any See being voyd, or to their deputie or deputies, or to one of them, shewyng sufficient deputation from the sayde Archbyshop, Byshop, or Deane and Chapter, vnder his or their Seale in that behalfe, being redie at the same day and place so signified and prefixed, to receyue the sayde Subsidie then due, and openly demaunding the same, or els pay the same within fourtie dayes next after any suche prefixed day at the furthest (so that open demaund be made of the sayde Subsidie, in, and at the sayde place and day before prefixed:) that then euery incumbent so making default of paiment of his parte of the saide Subsidie, in any of the sayd three yeeres, after suche defaulte thereof certified into your Maiesties Exchequer in writyng, vnder the Seale and hand writyng of any Archbyshop or Byshop, or of the Deane and Chapter, the See being voyde, charged with the collection of the same Subsidie, so that the sayde certificate shalbe made accordyng to the fourme hereafter expressed and exhibited into your Maiesties sayde Court of Exchequer, before the last day of October in euery of the sayde three yeeres, shal forfeyte and loose that onely dignitie, benefice, and promotion spirituall, by what name so euer it be called, for which he maketh suche default of paiment, and wherof suche certificate shalbe made, and shalbe therof depriued ipso facto. And the sayde promotion, from, and after the day of the delyuerie of the sayde certificate into your hyghnesse Courte of Exchequer, shalbe clearely voyde and destitute of incumbent in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, as yf suche incumbent, makyng suche defaulte of payment, were dead in deede. And that euery certificate of any suche defaulte of payment, shalbe made accordyng to the tenour and effecte ensuyng mutatis mutandis.

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Honorabilibus & egregijs viris, Domino Theſaurario, & Baronibus de Scaccario illuſtriſſimæ dominæ noſtræ, dominæ Elizabeth, dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defenſoris &c. veſter humilis, E. permiſſione diuina L. Epiſcopus, auctoritate, & vigore cuiuſdam actus Parliamenti, anno regni dictæ dominæ Reginæ viij, editi, & prouiſi, ad colligendū & leuandum Subſidium eidem dominæ Reginæ, in eodem Parliamento per Prelatos & Clerum Cantuarienſis Prouincie conceſſum: videlicet, pro prima ſolutione inde ſoluenda xxiiii. die Maij, vltimo præterito, infra diocœſim noſtram, L. deputatus, & auctorizatus omnimodam reuerentiam, tantis viris debitam cum honore. Veſtris reuerentijs harum ſerie annuntio, & certifico me præfatum Epiſcopum, modo quo præfertur, deputatum, & auctorizatum ſufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requiſiſſe per N. D. deputatum meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio, & promotione Eccleſiaſtica, in quadam ſchedula præſentibus annexa ſpecificatis, ſummas dicti Subſidij pro dictis beneficijs, & promotionibus debitas, pro prima ſolutione dicti Subſidij debiti ſoluendi dicto viceſimo quarto die Maij, vltimo præterito, prout in eadem ſchedula preſentibus annexa plenius liquet, & apparet. Sed dictas ſummas ex cauſis in eadem ſchedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei teſtimonium, ſigillum meum preſentibus apponi feci. Datum decimo die Anno Domini milleſimo, quingenteſimo, ſexageſimo ſeptimo.

The tenure of which ſchedule aboue mentioned, enſueth, videlicet:

Vicaria de. M. Decanatus de M. predictam, A. B. Vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud die vltimo præterito per E. D. deputatum meum, ad ſoluendum apud Eccleſiam de L. in comitatu, E. die tunc proximè ſequente, illam partem Subſidij per ſe debitam xxiiij. die Maij vltimo præterito, pro promotione ſua prædicta. Sed prædictus, A. B. nec apud Eccleſiam de L. prædictam, eodem die nec alibi per quadraginta dies poſtea, ſummam per ſe debitam, (vt præfertur) non ſoluit, nec ſatiſfecit: neq; dictam ſummam de proficuis dictæ promotionis, nec de bonis, & catallis dicti. A. B. aliquo modo leuare, ſiue recipere potui.

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Prouided alwayes, that if any perſon or incumbent chargeable by this act or graunt to any payment of this Subſidie, ſhall proffer or tender payment of any ſumme due to the Archbiſhop or Biſhop, or to the Deane and Chaptour where the ſee is voyde, or to any deputie or deputies of any Archbiſhop, Biſhop, or Deane and Chaptour aforeſayde, at any tyme before the certificate exhibited into the Exchequer, as is aforeſayde, that then notwithſtandyng the certificate made, as is aforeſayde, againſt any ſuche perſon, the ſayde incumbent or perſon, againſt whom the certificate was ſo made, ſhal and may auer the offer or tender of his payment, as is aforeſayde. And if the ſame ſhalbe tryed, eyther by ſufficient witneſſes before the Lorde Treaſourer, or Barons of the Exchequer, or by the tryal of twelue men, vpon an iſſue thereupon to be ioyned betwirt the ſame incumbent, or any other perſon or perſons, that he or any for hym did offer, or tender the payment of the ſumme due, as is aforeſayde: That then euery ſuche incumbent ſhall haue and enioy his promotion or promotions ſtyll, as though no certificate of default of ſuche payment had ben made or exhibited: Any thing in this graunt or Acte to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

And further that it may be enacted lykewyſe, that euery Archbiſhop, and Byſhop, and Deane and Chaptour of euery See vacant, and other perſons chargeable to and with the collection of the ſayde Subſidie of foure ſhillinges the pounde, within the ſayde prouince of Canterburie, ſhall and may haue vpon euery payment of the ſame Subſidie, made to the Lorde hygh Treaſourer, or vndertreaſourer of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or to ſuche other perſon or perſons, in place and places, to whom and where it ſhall pleaſe your hyghneſſe, or your court of Exchequer, to appoynt for the receipte thereof, in euery of the ſayde three yeeres, a ſufficient acquittaunce, diſcharge, or Quietus eſt, in wrytyng, of the ſayde Lorde hygh Treaſourer, or vndertreaſourer, or of ſuche other perſon or perſons, as eyther your hyghneſſe, or your ſayde court of Exchequer ſhall aſſigne for the receipt thereof, or as heretofore in lyke cales it hath ben accuſtomed, the ſame acquittaunce, diſcharge, or Quietus eſt, witneſſyng the receipte of as muche of the ſame ſumme of the ſayde Subſidie as ſhalbe ſo receyued. And that euery ſuche acquittaunce, diſcharge, or Quietus eſt, in wrytyng, ſealed and ſubſcribed with the name or names of the ſayde Lorde hygh Treaſourer, or vndertreaſourer, for the tyme beyng, for of ſuche Auditour, or other perſon or perſons, as it ſhall pleaſe your hyghneſſe, or your ſayde court of Exchequer, to appoynt for the ſame receipte, or of ſuche others as heretofore in lyke cales it hath ben vſed, ſhall and may be good and effectuall in the lawe, and be alſo a ſufficient diſcharge to

all and euery of the saide Collectours, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the same were made by Acte of Parliament. And that euery of the saide Collectours shall paye but onely three shillinges and foure pence, for euery generall and final acquittaunce, discharge, or Quietus est, for euery peres payment of the said Subsidie. And also that euery particuler acquittaunce, whiche vppon payment of any part of the saide Subsidie, shalbe made by any Collectour of Collectours of the same Subsidie, or of any payment thereof, or by hys or their deputie or deputies in that behalfe, to any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any other person or persons, contributorie and chargeable to and with the same Subsidie, or any parte or payment thereof, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge, to euery suche incumbent, and other person, and his benefice or promotion spiritual, of and for al such summe and summes of money, as by the same acquittaunce shalbe acknowleged to be receiued, in respect of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any payment or part of the same Subsidie. And that none acquittaunce of any other person or persons, made before suche certificate, shall in any wise discharge any person or promotion, for any parte of this Subsidie, nor of any payne, penaltie, or forfayture, specified in this graunt.

And to the intent it may be knowen to ỹ court of the Exchequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery suche Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chaptour, able to make acquittaunce: Euery Archbishop, Bishop, and Deane and Chaptour of any See being voyde, shal yeerely with the certificate of the names of stipendarie prestes, certifie the name and names of euery the Deputies, to be appoynted, as is aforesayde.

Prouided alwayes, that no spiritual promotions, or any landes, possessions, reuenues, annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunt of the prouince of Canterburie, or any goodes or catteles, growyng, beyng, or renuyng vpon the same, or els where, appartenyng to the owners of the sayde spirituall promotions, or any of them, shalbe charged or made contributorie, to any fyfteenth or tenth, or any other Subsidie alredy graunted to your hyghnesse by the Laytie, or hereafter to be graunted, duryng the terme of the sayde three yeeres.

Prouided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, Wardens, and Prebendaries, of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches and Colleges, or of any of them, within the sayde prouince, shalbe charged with this Subsidie for those possessions, reuenues, and portions onely, whiche to their seuerall promotions, Dignities, and Romes, are clearely and distinctly limitted,

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and to their owne onely vses seuered, thereof to pay the tenth part, beyng deducted foure shyllynges of euery pounde, within the sayde three yeeres, in manner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed. And that all those rentes, possessions, profites, portions, hereditamentes, and spirituall promotions, and euery of them, heretofore by your hyghnesse, or any your Maiesties noble progenitours, or any other person or persons whatsoeuer, geuen, graunted, bequethed, deuised, or impropried vnto the sayde Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or to any of them, whiche any wayes be assigned or vsed, eyther for or towardes the yeerely maintenaunce of poore men, Schoolemaisters, Vshers, Gramarians, Peticanons, Vicars, Chorall readers of diuinitie, Syngyng men, Choristers, Vergers, or of any other necessarie and dayly officers or ministers, in suche Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or any of them, or for or towardes the reedifying or repayring of any of the same Cathedrall or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, commonly named ad fabricam Ecclesiæ, shall not be charged with any part of this Subsidie. The certayntie of whiche portions, aswell chargeable to this Subsidie, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archbishop or Bishop of the Dioces, or the See beyng voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, vppon due searche and examination, shall certifie vnder his or their seale, into your hyghnesse sayde court of Exchequer, before the sayde last dry of October, in euery of the sayde three yeeres.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall person, paying any pension, whereof none allowaunce is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice, shall and may reteyne xvi.d. of euery pounde, of euery such pension euery yeere, during the sayde three yeeres, to his owne releife, in consyderation that he is charged to pay this subsidie of. iiii.s. the pound, out of euery pounde of the whole value of his promotion.

Prouided also, and your sayde Prelates and Cleargie doo most humbly beseeche your hyghnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maiesties auctoritie, and your hygh court of Parliament, that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall pomotions, tythes, pensions, portions, fruites, and other hereditamentes, lately belonging to diuers Cathedrall Churches, and to other places and persons Ecclesiasticall, within the sayde prouince of Canterburie, whiche were geuen and assigned to be bestowed and spent to and on the fyndyng and mainteyning of certayne Chauntryes, Anniuersaries, Obites, Lightes, Lampes, and other lyke charges, intentes and purposes, of late came into the handes and possession of the late kyng of famous memorie Edwarde the syxth, by force of a Statute thereof made in the fyrst yeere of his late reigne, as by the sayde statute more playnely appeareth: That the sayde Cathe-

dzall Churches, and the Bishoppes, Deanes, or Presidenters and Chaptours of the same, and all other places and persons, or any of them, to whom the sayde landes, rentes, and all other the premisses or any of them, dyd lately apparteyne: shall not duryng the sayde three yeeres, be charged to and with any payment of Subsidie of and for that part or portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, and other hereditamentes, of any of them, whereunto the sayde late King by force of the sayde statute was intituled or possessed of, nor of, or for any yeerely rentes or paymentes, goyng out, or due to be payd vnto your Maiestie out of the premisses, nor any part thereof: But onely of and for all and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, tithes, pensions, portions, fruites, and other hereditaments, which do yet stil remayne not disseuered from the handes and possession of the sayde Cathedzall Churches, & other the places and persons Ecclesiasticall aforesayd. And that deduction and allowaunce therof to be made to them, and euery of them, accordyngly, in and vpon euery payment of this sayde subsidie, out of the whole value, taxation, and estimation, made for the payment of the sayde perpetuall disme or tenth, remaynyng of recorde in your highnesse court of Exchequer, for that rate and portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, and other hereditamentes, and for those yeerely paymentes, wherunto the sayd late King was intituled or possessed of, or which otherwyse haue ben seuered from the possessions of the sayde Cathedzall Churches, and other places and persons aforesayde, by force of the statute premised: The same Acte, or any other Acte or Actes whatsoeuer, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this Subsidie graunted by the Cleargie, shal not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of studentes, or College, situate or set within eyther of the vniuersities of Oxford and Cambzidge, or of any other benefice or other reuenues vnto the sayde houses or Colleges in the sayde Vniuersities, or in eyther of them, or to any house of Studentes or College in any of the same Vniuersities, vnited, appzopzied, or apparteining, or of the Colleges of Windsor, or Eton nygh Windsor, or of the Colledge called S. Marie College by Winchester, founded by William Wickham, sometime Bishop of Winchester, or of any Hospitals, or Grammer Schooles, or of any other Churche, benefice, or other reuenues, to the sayde Vniuersities, Houses, Colleges, Hospitalles, Almes houses, Almes halles, or Grammer Schooles, or to any of them, annexed, appzopziated, or otherwyse appartey ning.

Prouided alwayes, that all Parsons, Vicars, & other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose benefices be not aboue fyre poundes, thirteene shillinges, and foure pence, by yere, after the taxation aforesayd, shal

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not be charged with this Subsidie, or any part thereof.

Prouided also, that euery Vicar, whose benefice is aboue fyue poundes, thirteene shillinges, and foure pence, and not aboue ten poundes by yeere, after the taxation aforesayde, shal pay euery yeere of the sayde three yeeres, onely vi.s. viii.d. for his part of the sayde Subsidie, as stipendarie Priestes be charged to pay, by force of this graunt, and not otherwyse.

Prouided also, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall or late religious persons, hauing a pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, Freechappels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, & Hospitals, or any other incorporations within the prouince of Canterburie, or any of them, & beyng of the summe of.xl.s. or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable for any suche pension: Any thyng conteyned in this graunt to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidie graunted by your sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenour, purport, effect, and true meanyng of this present graunt: Your sayde Prelates and Cleargie, most humbly desyre your hyghnesse, that this their sayde gyft, graunt, and Subsidie, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions and sentences in this instrument conteyned, concernyng the sayde Subsidy, may be ratifyed, established, and confirmed, by the authoritie of your hyghnesse court of Parliament.

Wherefore for the true and sure payment of the sayde Subsidie, graunted by the sayd Prelates and Cleargie of the sayde prouince of Canterburie, accordyng to the tenour, effect, and true meanyng of the sayde instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayde gyft and graunt, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, prouision, clause and sentence in the sayde instrument conteyned, shall stande and be ratified, established, and confirmed by the auctoritie of this present Parliament.

And furthermore, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euery person that shalbe appoynted to the collection and geatheryng of the sayde Subsidie, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to leuie, take, and perceiue the same Subsidie, by the auctoritie of the Censures of the Churche: That is to say, by suspension, excommunication, or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fruites and profites of their benefices and promotions spirituall, in whose handes so euer they be, and to make sale of the same fruites, without daunger of the lawes of this Realme, or by distresse vpon the possession of the farmours or occupiers of the landes and tenementes,

tenementes, chargeable by the sayde instrument, for or to the payment of any summe or summes of money, to be due by force thereof, or otherwyse, by the discretion of the Collectour therof. And that no repleuie, prohibitiõ, or Supersedeas shalbe alowed or obeyed, for any person or persons making defaulte of payment of the sayde subsidie, contrarie to the tenour of the graunt thereof, vntyll suche tyme as they haue truely satisfyed and contented al suche part and portions, as to them in that behalfe appartayneth. And that euery suche Farmour and Farmours, their executours and assignes, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the payment of the sayde Subsidie, or any part thereof, shall by the aucthoritie aforesayde, be alowed and retayne in his handes, as muche of his yerely rent and farme, as the summe which he shall fortune to pay for his Lorde or Leassour shall extende vnto, except the sayde farmour or farmours, their executours and assignes, by the leasse and graunt that they haue of any part of the landes, tithes, profites and tenementes chargeable to this sayd Subsidie, or by force of any couenaunt, or article therein conteyned, be bounden and charged to pay the same, and thereof to discharge their Leassour and Landlord, during the terme mentioned in the sayde leasse.

And lykewise be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that where diuers Curates, liable to this Subsidie, beyng oftentimes remoueable, do serue as well in diuers impropriations, belongyng to the Queenes Maiestie, as in other impropriations, and in other spirituall promotions, belonging to other persons, that for the speedy recouery of the sayde Subsidie, it may be lawfull to the Collectour or Collectours of the said Subsidie, their deputie or Deputies, to leauie the sayd Subsidie vpon the Farmour and Farmours, or occuppers of all suche impropriations and spirituall promotions, by al censures of the Church aforesayd, and euery of them, or by way of distresse, of the tythes of the sayde impropriation or impropriations, and spirituall promotions, or otherwyse, vppon the goodes and cattels of the said Farmour or farmours, and occupiers, in which case no inhibition, prohibition, repleuie, or other processe awarded to the contrary, shalbe obeyed: Any lawes, statutes, priuileges, or customes, to the contrary hereof, heretofore made, graunted or vsed, or hereafter to be made, graunted or vsed, to the contrary, in any wise, notwithstandyng.

And that it may be lawfull to the Collectours, and the officers and ministers of such Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chaptour, for not payment of the sayde Subsedie, after the same shalbe due in any of the sayde three yeeres, to prayse and value the sayd distresse or distresses, by two indifferent neighbours by hym to be chosen, and the distresse or distresses so praysed, to sell, and thereof to deteyne

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so much mony, as shal amount to the summe payable to ẏ Queenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the sayde Collectour, susteyned in that behalfe, and the rest of the money made of the sayd distresse, to be deliuered and payde to the owner or occupyer thereof.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery lay person, hauyng spirituall promotion, chargeable by this Acte, and also hauing temporal possessions, goodes, cattels, and debtes, chargeable to the Subsidie graunted in this Parliament by the temporaltie, shalbe charged, taxed, and set, for his sayde spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and for his temporall possessions and chattels reall, with the temporaltie, and not otherwyse: Any thyng before mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery graunt and grauntes, of all and euery summe & summes of money, whiche hereafter shalbe graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, by the Cleargie of the prouince of Yorke, shalbe of the same strength, force, and effect, in all thinges, as the sayde graunt made by the sayde prouince of Canterburie: and shalbe taxed, certifyed, collected, leuyed, geathered and payed, accordyng to the tenour, fourme, and effect of this present Act of Parliament, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, in such maner and fourme, as though it were specially, playnely, and perticulerly expressed, and rehearsed in this Acte by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences, in their seueral natures and kindes.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that all prouisoes before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayde graunt of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, and the lyke of the same prouisions hereafter to be cõteyned in the graunt of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Yorke, shalbe good and effectual, and to be obserued and kept in euery poynt and article, according to the true purport and meanyng of the same.

God saue the Queene.

Reginæ Elizabethe. Cap. xviij.

An Acte of one Fifteene

and tenth, and of one Subſidie graunted by the Temporaltie.

The. xviij. Chapter.

E your Maieſties moſt humble ſubiectes, meanyng (accordyng to our moſt bounden dueties) to preſent vnto your Maieſtie, by way of Subſidie, ſome reliefe for the great extraordinarie charges ſuſteyned in the defence of your Maieſties dominions & countreys, againſt ſundry dangerous attemptes: can not forbeare, but with al humblenes, moſt thankefully to ſet before the ſame our moſt lowly thankes, for three ſpecial matters proceeding from your Maieſtie, to our benefite, ioy, and comfort, in this preſent aſſemblee.

Firſt, for the moſt princely conſyderation had of vs, in the forbearing at this time ſome portion of that, which according to the greatneſſe and neceſſitie of your affayres, we of duetie meant and intended to haue yeelded vnto your Maieſtie.

Secondly, for the moſt comfortable aſſuraunce & promiſe, by your Maieſtie made and declared vnto vs, that for our weale and ſuretie, your Maieſtie would marrie, alſoone as God ſhould geue you opportunitie to accompliſhe the ſame, whereof we haue receyued infinite comfort, and ſhall pray to almightie God to further and proſper all your Maieſties actions tending therunto, that we your moſt naturall ſubiectes, may ſpeedily ſee ſome noble iſſue of your body, to continue perpetually by diſcent the ſucceſſiō of this imperial Crowne.

Thirdly, for the great hope and comfort we haue conceiued, by the meanes of your Maieſties moſt honourable ſpeach vttered and declared vnto vs, of your moſt gratious and princely diſpoſition & determination, when tyme ſhall therunto ſerue conuenientlye, with the ſuretie of your Maieſties perſon, and the weale and tranquillitie of your Realme, to haue due regarde to the further ſtabliſhyng of the ſucceſſion of your imperiall Crowne, as lawe and iuſtice ſhall require the ſame, after the ſucceſſion of the iſſue of your body. In whiche your gratious diſpoſition and care for vs, we moſt humbly

beſeeche almightie God to continue your Maieſtie, and to proſper your intentions and actions, to eſtabliſhe that, whiche with aſſent of your Realme in Parliament, may be agreeable and conſonant to lawe and iuſtice, and to remayne to all ages hereafter inuiolable, and to the prayſe, honour, and memorie of your Maieſtie, and yours perpetually: And that touching the graunt of our ſayde Subſidie, it may be enacted in maner and fourme folowyng.

Be it enacted, that your highneſſe, towarde the great charges of this your Realme, and for the better maintenaunce of your royall eſtate, ſhal haue by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, one Fifteene and Tenth, to be payde, taken, and leuyed, of the moueable goodes, catteles, and other thinges vſuall to ſuche Fyfteene and Tenth, to be contributorie and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes, and other places of this your Maieſties Realme, in maner and fourme aforetyme vſed: except the ſumme of vi. M. li. therof fully to be deducted, in relefe, comfort, and diſcharge of the poore Townes, Cities, and Boroughes, of this your ſayde Realme, waſted, deſolate, or deſtroied, or ouer greatly impouerifhed, after ſuche rate as was and hath afore this tyme ben had and made to euery Shire, and to be diuided in ſuche maner and fourme, as heretofore for one whole Fifteene and Tenth, hath ben had and diuided. And the ſayde Fyfteene and Tenth (the exception and deduction aforeſayde, therupon had, deducted, and allowed) to be payde in maner and fourme folowyng: that is to ſay, the one moytie thereof (except before excepted) to be payde to your hyghneſſe, in the receipt of your hyghneſſe Exchequer, before the fyft day of Nouember, whiche ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God. 1567. And the other moytie of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth (except before excepted) to be payde to your hyghneſſe, in the ſayde receipt of your Exchequer, before the fyfte day of Nouember, whiche ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God. 1568.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that the Knightes elected and returned, of and for the Shires within this Realme, for this preſent Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgeſes of Boroughes and Townes, where Collectours haue ben vſed to be named and appoynted, for the Collection of any Fifteene and Tenth before this tyme graunted, ſhall name and appoynt only before the laſt day of Auguſt, in eyther of the ſayd two yeres, ſufficient and able perſons, for the collection of the ſayde ſeuerall moyties of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, in euery of the ſayde Shires, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, the ſayde perſons then hauyng landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his or their owne ryght, of an eſtate of inheritaunce, of the yeerely value of tenne poundes, or in goodes worth a hundred pounde at the leaſt. And alſo ſuche perſon

perſon or perſons, ſo by them to be named and appoynted for the collection of the ſeuerall moyties of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, ſhalbe by them ſeuerally appoynted and allotted, into Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, & Townes. And alſo the ſayde perſons ſo named and appoynted for the collection of the ſayd ſeuerall moyties of the ſayde Fyfteene and Tenth, ſhalbe ſeuerally charged and chargeable vpon his or their accompt or accomptes, in the Exchequer to be made, with the ſeuerall moyties of all ſuche ſumme or ſummes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they ſhall ſo happen to be appoynted, ſhall amount vnto, and of no more ſumme or ſummes, and vpon the payment of ſuche ſummes of money, as he or they ſhall ſo be charged with, ſhalbe diſcharged, and haue his and their Quietus eſt, the non accomptyng, or non payment of any other his felowes, or the inſufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithſtanding. And the names and ſurnames of euery of the ſayd Collectours, for the ſeueral moities of the ſayd Fifteene and Tenth, duryng eyther of the ſayde two yeres, together with the place allotted to their collection and charge, the ſayd Knightes, Citizens, and Burgeſes, for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, wherunto they be elected, named, and returned, ſhall certifie before the Queene in her Chauncerie, before the tenth day of October, in euery of the ſayde two yeeres, according to the tenour of this Acte. And yf default of any ſuche certifying be had or made, in fourme as is aforeſayde: then the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or keeper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, ſhall immediatly after, name and appoynt Collectours, for the collection of eyther of the ſayd moyties of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, in maner and fourme as the ſayde Knightes of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeſes of Boroughes ſhoulde haue done, and as aforetyme hath ben vſed. The which ſayde Collectours, and euery of them, ſo to be named and appoynted as is aforeſayde, ſhall haue allowaunce vppon their accomptes, for their fees, wages, and rewardes, for the collection of the moytie of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth ratably, in as large maner and fourme, as any Collectour or Collectours of any Fyfteene and Tenth haue had at any ſeaſon in tyme paſt. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the tyme beyng, ſhall and may from tyme to tyme, awarde ſuche proceſſe for the ſpeedy payment of the ſayde ſeuerall moyties of the ſayde Fifteene and Tenth, againſt the Collectour and Collectours of the ſame, as by their diſcretions ſhalbe thought conuenient.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſayde Lorde Chauncelour, or keeper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, Knightes of the Shires, Citi-

zens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes, Townes, and other places, hauyng aucthoritie by this present Acte, to nominate the sayde Collectours, of or for the collection of the seuerall moities of the sayde Fifteene and Tenth: shall vpon their nomination and election had and made, take by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces, or obligation, of euery person so by them to be named, to be bounde to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of their collection, and be endorsed vpō such condition, that if the sayde Collectour or Collectours do truely content and pay, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the sayde fyrst day of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yeeres, so much of the summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as the same Collectour shall haue collected and geathered, and do likewyse after the sayd first day of the moneth of Nouember, in euery of the sayd two yeres, content and pay to the Queenes Maiesties vse, at the same receipt, the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such tyme as he shall haue geathered a... collected the same residue: that then the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in his full strength and vertue. whiche Recognisaunce or obligation so taken, the sayde Knightes of the Shire, Citizens, and Burgeses, and euery of them, takyng any suche Recognisaunces or obligation, shall certifie and deliuer to the Lorde Treasourer, and Barons of the same Exchequer, before the same fyrst day of Nouember, in euery of the sayd two yeeres, vpon payne of forfaiture of. x. li. to the Queenes highnesse, for euery Recognisaunce or obligation so to be taken and not certified. And that euery suche Collectour, vpon request to him made, shall make and knowledge the same Recognisaunce or obligation accordyngly, vpon lyke payne of forfayture of x. li. to the Queene for his refusall thereof. And that the Treasourer and Barons of the Exchequer, for the tyme beyng, vpon the paymēt of the same collection, at the sayde dayes shall cancel and deliuer the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation, to the sayde Collectour or Collectours, without any other warrant, & without any fee or reward to be payde to any person for the same.

And furthermore, for the great and wayghtie consyderations aforesayde, we the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, do by our lyke assent and aucthoritie of this Parliament, geue and graunt to your highnesse our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, your heyres, and successours, one entire Subsidie, to be rated, tared, leuied, and payde at two seuerall paymentes, of euery person spirituall and temporal, of what estate or degree he or they be of, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte, in maner and fourme folowyng. That is to say, aswell

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of euery perſon borne within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, as of all and euery Fraternitie, Guylde, Corporatiõ, Miſterie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporated or not corporated, within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, beyng worth three poundes, for euery pounde, aſwell in coyne, and the value of euery pounde that euery ſuch perſon, Fraternitie, Guylde, Corporation, Miſterie, Brotherhead, Comminaltie, corporate or not corporate, hath of his or their owne, or any other to his or their vſe: as alſo plate, ſtocke of marchaundizes, al maner of corne and grayne, houſholde ſtuffe, and of all other goodes mooueable, as wel within the Realme, as without, and of al ſuche ſummes of money as to him or them is or ſhalbe owyng, whereof he or they truſt in his or their conſcience ſurely to be payde: Except, and out of the premiſſes deducted, ſuch ſummes of money as he or they owe, and in his or their conſcience intendeth truely to pay, and except alſo the apparel of euery ſuch perſons, their wiues & children, belonging to their owne bodyes, ſauyng Jewels, golde, ſyluer, ſtone, and pearle: ſhall pay to and for the fyrſt payment of the ſayd Subſidie. xii.d. of euery pounde, and to and for the ſecond payment of the ſayde Subſidie. x.d. of euery pounde. And alſo euery Alien and ſtraunger borne out of the Queenes obeyſaunce, aſwell Denizen, as other inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pounde that he or they haue in coyne, & the value of euery pounde in plate, corne, grayne, marchaundizes, houſholde ſtuffe, or other goodes, iewels, cattelles, mooueable, or vnmooueable, as is aforeſayde, aſwell within this Realme, as without, and of all ſummes of money to hym or them owyng, whereof he or they truſt in his or their conſcience to be payde: Except, and out of the ſame premiſſes deducted, euery ſuche ſumme or ſummes of money whiche he or they do owe, and in his or their conſcience or conſciences intende truely to pay: ſhall pay of and for euery pounde, to and for the firſt payment of the ſayde Subſidie. ii.s. and to and for the ſeconde payment of the ſayde ſubſidie. xx.d. of euery pound. And alſo that euery Alien & ſtraunger, borne out of the Queenes dominions, being Denizen, or not Denizen, not beyng contributorie to any the rates aboueſayde, ſhall pay to and for the fyrſt payment of the ſayde Subſidie. iiii.d. and to & for the ſeconde payment of the ſayde Subſidie. ii.d. for euery poſſe. And the maiſter, or he or ſhe with whom the ſame Alien is, or ſhalbe abydyng at the tyme of the taration or tarations therof, to be charged with the ſame, for lacke of payment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that euery perſon borne vnder the Queenes obeyſaunce, and euery Corporation, Fraternitie, Guylde, Miſterie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, for euery pound that euery of the

same persons, and euery Corporatiō, Fraternitie, Guylde, Misterie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporate, or not corporate, or any other to his or their vse, hath in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeeres, by execution, wardship, or by copy of court roll, of, and in any honours, castelles, manours, landes, tenements, rentes, seruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yeerely profites, of the yeerely value of. xx. s. aswell within auncient demeane, and other places priuileged, or els where, and so vpwardes: shall pay to and for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie. xvi. d. of and for euery pounde, and to and for the seconde payment of the sayd Subsidie. xvi. d. of and for euery pound. And euery Alien, Denizen, or not Denizen, borne out of the Queenes obeysaunce, in such case, to pay at the fyrst of the saide paymentes. ii. s. viii. d. of euery pounde, and at the seconde payment. ii. s. viii. d. of and for euery pound. And that all summes presented and chargeable by this Acte, eyther for goodes and debtes, or eyther of them, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premisses, as is in this Acte conteyned, shall be at eyther of the sayd paymentes, set and taxed after the rate and portion, accordyng to the true meaning of this Act, (landes and tenementes, chargeable to the dismes of the Cleargie, and yeerely wages due to seruauntes for their yeerely seruice, other then the Queenes seruauntes, takyng yerely wayes of. v. li. or aboue, onely excepted and foreprised,) And that all plate, coyne, iewels, goodes, debtes, and cattels, personals, being in the rule and custodie of any person and persons, to the vse of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Guylde, Misterie, Brotherhead, or any Cōminaltie, being corporate, or not corporate, be and shalbe rated, set, and charged by reason of this acte, as the value certified by the presentours of that certificate, of euery pounde in goodes and debtes, as is abouesaide, & of euery pounde in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites, as is abouesayd, and the summes that are before rehearsed, set, and taxed, to be leuied and taken of them that shall haue suche goodes in custodie, or otherwyse charged for landes, as is before rehearsed. And the same person or persons, and body corporate, by aucthoritie of this Acte, shalbe discharged agaynst hym or them that shall or ought to haue the same, at the tyme of the payment or deliuerie thereof, or at his otherwyse departure from the custodie or possession of the same. Except and alwayes foreprised from the charge and assessement of this Subsidie, all goodes, cattels, iewels, and ornamentes of Churches and Chappels, which haue ben ordeined and vsed in Churches or Chappels, for the honour and seruice of almightie God.

And the first payment of the said Subsidie, shalbe by thaucthoritie aforesayd, taxed, assessed, and rated according to this Act, in euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne,

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and euery other place, within this Realme of England, and Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, before the tenth day of Februarie next comming. And the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe by the aucthoritie aforesayde, tared, assessed, and rated, before the etenth day of Februarie, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God. 1567. And the particuler summes of euery Shyre, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particuler names of such as are chargeable for and to the fyrst payment of the sayde subsidie, to be tared and set by the Commissioners to the same limitted, or two of thē at the least, with the names of the hygh Collectours, & in the same fourme shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the tenth day of Marche next comming. And the particuler summes of euery Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particuler names of suche as are chargeable for and to the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, to be tared and set by commissioners, to the same to be limitted, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, and in the same fourme, shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer before the tenth day of Marche, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God. 1567. And the sayde summes, in fourme aforesayd, to be tared to and for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe payde into the Queenes receipt of her Exchequer aforesayde, to the vse of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, before the fyrst day of Aprill next commyng. And the sayde summes in maner and fourme aforesayde, to be tared for the seconde payment of the sayd Subsidie, shalbe payde into the receipt aforesayde, to the vse aforesayde, before the fyrst day of Aprill, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God. 1568. And the summes abouesayde, of, and for the sayde Subsidie, shalbe tared, set, asked, and demaunded, taken, geathered, leuied, and payde, to the vse of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, her heires, & successours, in fourme abouesayd, as well within the liberties, fraunchises, sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatsoeuer place, exempt, or not exempt, as without: except such Shires, places, and persons, as shalbe foreprised, in, and by this present acte: Any graunt, charter, prescription, vse, or libertie by reason of any letters patentes, or other priuiledge, prescription, allowaunce of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vsed, or obteyned, notwithstandyng.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that euery suche person, as well suche as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, as euery other person straunger borne, Denizen or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, whiche at the tyme of the sayde assessinges or taxations, or of eyther of them, to be had or made,

made, shalbe out of this realme, and out of Wales, and haue goodes or cattels, landes, or tenementes, fees or annuities, or other profites within this Realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged & chargeable for the same, by the certificate of the inhabitauntes of the place, where such goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses then shalbe, or in such other place where such person, or his factour, deputie, or atturney, shal haue his most resort vnto, within this Realme, or in Wales, in lyke maner, as if the sayd person were or had ben at the tyme of the sayde assessing within this Realme. And that euery person abydyng or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidie, graunted by this Acte, accordyng & after the rate of suche yerely substance, or value of landes & tenementes, goodes, cattels, and other the premisses, as euery person so to be charged, shalbe set at, in ỹ time of the sayd assessing or taxatiõ vpon hym to be made, & in none other wise.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that for the sessyng and ordering of the sayde Subsidie, to be duely had, the Lord Chauncelour of England, or the Lord keper of the great seale, the Lord Treasorer of England, the Lord Steward of the Queenes Maiesties houshold, the Lord President of the Queenes honorable Councell, and the Lorde Priuie seale for the tyme beyng, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or keeper of the great seale for the tyme being, to be one: shall and may name & appoynt, of, and for euery Shire, and Rydyng, & other places, aswell within this Realme, as in Wales, & other the Queenes dominiõs, and also of, and for euery Citie & Towne, beyng a Countie of it selfe, and of, and for the Ile of Wight, such certayne number of persons of euery of the same Shires, Rydinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Ile of Wyght, and euery other place, as they shall thinke conuenient, to be Commissioners of and within the same place, whereof they be inhabitauntes, and also of and for the honorable housholde of the Queenes Maiestie, in what Shire or other places the said houshold shal happẽ then to be. And the Lord Chauncelour, or Lord keper of the great seale, & other with him before named, or two of them as is aforesaid, in like maner may name and appoint of euery other such Borough and Towne corporate, aswel in England, as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, as they shall thinke requisite. vi. v. iiii. iii. or two of the head officers, and other honest inhabitauntes of euery of the sayd Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, accordyng to the number and multitude of the people beyng in the same. The whiche persons, yf any suche be thereunto named, of the sayde inhabitauntes of the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, not beyng Counties of themselues, shalbe ioyned and put in as Commissioners, with the

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persons named for suche Shires and Rydynges, as the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties in thē selues, be set, and haue their beyng. Which persons so named, for and of the sayde Boroughes & Townes corporate, not being Counties, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shal not take vpon them, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premisses out of the sayde Boroughes & Townes corporate, wherin they be so named onely, nor to execute the sayde commission within the Borough or Towne corporate where they be so dwelling, but at such dayes and tymes as the said other Commissioners for the same Shyre and Rydyng, shall thereunto limit and appoynt within the same Borough or Towne corporate, not beyng Countie corporate, whereof they be so named, and not out of such Borough or Towne: and in that maner to be aydyng and assistyng with the sayde other Commissioners, in, & for the good executing of the effect of the sayde commission, vpon payne of euery of the sayde Commissioners, so named for euery suche Citie, Borough, & Towne corporate, not beyng a Countie, to make such fine as ỹ sayde other Commissioners in the commission of and for the same Shire or Riding so named, or three of them at the least, shall by their discretions set and certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuyed to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, in lyke maner as yf suche or lyke summes had ben set and rated vpon euery suche person for the sayde Subsidie.

The which Commissioners, so named of and for the sayd Cities, Boroughes, & Townes, not beyng Counties, and onely put in the sayde commission by reason of their dwellyng in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the fees & rewardes of the Commissioners and their clarkes, in this acte afterward specified & alowed. And the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, or the keeper of the great Seale of Englande for the tyme being, shall make and direct out of the court of the Chauncerie, vnder the great Seale, seuerall commissions: that is to say, to euery Shire, Ryding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Ile, and Housholde, vnto such person and persons, as by his discretion, and any of the other with hym afore named & appoynted, as is afore rehearsed, shalbe thought sufficient, for the sellyng and leuying of the sayde Subsidie, in all shires and places, accordyng to the true meanyng of this Act. Which commission for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of them, before the .xx. day of Januarie next commyng: And the Commission for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the saide Commissioners, or one of them, before the twentie day of Januarie, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde GOD. M. D. lxvii. And to euery of the sayde commissions

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tenne Scedules, conteynyng in them the tenour of this Act, shalbe affyxed. By whiche commission, the Commissioners in euery suche commission named accordyng to this Acte, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayde commission, shal haue ful power and authoritie, to put the effect of the same commission in execution: And that by authoritie of this acte, after such commissions to them directed, they may by their assentes and agreementes, seuer themselues for the execution of their commission, in Hundredes, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places within the limittes of their sayde commission, in such fourme as to them shall seeme expedient, to be ordered, and betweene them to be communed and agreed, accordyng to the tenor and effect of the commission to them therin directed. Upon which seueraunce, euery person of this present Parliament that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned into the Hundred where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes, that no person be or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to, and for the execution of this present acte, but only in the Shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, and that any person beyng assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this Acte, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners, and euery of them, whiche shalbe named, limitted, and appoynted accordyng to this acte, to be Commissioners in euery suche Shire, Ryding, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the sayd Housholde, or any other place, and none other, shall truely, effectually, and diligently for their part, execute the effect of this present acte, according to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and none other wyse by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thing to be attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the contrarie thereof. And the sayde Commissioners, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayde commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayde commission and Acte, shall for the taration of the sayde fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidie, before the last day of Januarie next comming: And for the taration of the sayd second payment of the sayde Subsidie, shal before the last day of Januarie, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thousayde, fyue hundreth, threescore and seuen, by vertue of the commission deliuered vnto them in fourme aforesayde, direct their seuerall or ioynt precept or preceptes, vnto. viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. iii. or two, as for the number of the inhabitauntes shall be requisite, of the most substauntiall, discrete, and honest persons inhabitauntes, to be named by the sayde Commissioners, or by as many of them as shalbe appoynted

poynted by the sayde commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Parishes, Townes, & other places, aswel within liberties, fraunchises, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limittes of the Shires, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, or Isle aforesayde, and other places within the limittes of their commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Baylyffes, and other like officers or ministers of euery of the sayde Hundredes, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes, & other places beforesayde, as to the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them, by their discretions in diuision, shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shalbe requisite, strayghtly by the same precept chargyng and commaundyng the same inhabitantes, Constables, and other officers aforesayde, to whom suche precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in their proper persons before the sayde Commissioners, or suche number of them, as they shall diuide them selues, accordyng to the tenour of the sayde commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the sayde Commissioners, or any number of them, as is aforesayde, within Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, or without, in any other place as is aforesayde, by their discretions shalbe limitted thereunto, to do and accomplish al that to them on the partie of the Queenes Maiestie shal be enioyned, touching this act. Commaundyng further by the same precept, that he to whose handes such preceptes shall come, shall shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the same precept, and that none of them fayle to accomplishe the same, vpon payne of .xl.s. to be forfayted to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordayned by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that at the sayde day and place prefixed and limitted in the sayde precept, euery of the Commissioners then being in the Shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefixed for that part whereunto he was limitted, shall appeare in his proper person, and there the same Commissioners beyng present, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the Queenes Maiesties commission, shal cal, or cause to be called before them, the said inhabitantes and officers, to whom they haue directed their sayde preceptes, & which had in commaundemẽt there to appeare by vertue of the sayde precept. And if any person so warned, make default, vnlesse he then be letted by sickenesse or lawfull excuse, & that let them be witnessed by othes of two credible persons, or yf any appearyng, refuse to serue in fourme folowing: thẽ euery such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shal forfait to ỹ Queenes Maiestie .xl.s. & so at euery time appointed by the said Commissioners for the same

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taxation, vnto suche tyme the number of euery suche persons haue appeared, and certified in fourme vnder written, euery of them so makyng default, or refusing so to serue, shal forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie. xl.s. And vpon the same appearaunce had, they shalbe charged before the Commissioners, by all conuenient wayes and meanes, other then by corporal othe, to inquire of the best and most value of the substaunce of euery person, dwellyng and abydyng within the limits of the places that they shalbe charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his or their most resort vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this act of this sayde Subsidie, and of all other thinges requisite, touchyng the sayde acte, and accordyng to the intent of the same, and therevpon, as neare as it may be, or shall come to their knowledge, truely to present and certifie before the sayde Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substaunce and values of euery of them, aswell of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, possessions, and profites, as of goodes, cattelles, debtes, and other thynges chargeable by the same acte, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dreade, or malice, vpon payne of forfayture of. v. li. or more, to be taxed, extracted, and leuied, in fourme as hereafter in this present Acte shalbe limitted or appoynted. And thereupon, the sayde Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to be read vnto them, the sayde rates in this Acte mentioned, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme they ought and shoulde make their certificate, accordyng to the rates and summes thereof abouesayde, and of all maner of persons, aswell of aliens and straungers, denizens or not denizens, inhabitting within this Realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, chargeable to this Acte, and of the possessions, goodes, and cattelles of Fraternities, Guyldes, Corporations, Brotherheades, Misteries, and Comminalties, and other, as is abouesayde, and of persons beyng in the parties of beyonde the seas, hauing goodes and cattelles, landes or tenementes within this Realme, as is aforesayde, and of all goodes beyng in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other, as is abouesayde. By the which information and shewing, the sayde person should haue suche playne knowledge of the true intent of this present Acte, and of the maner of their certificat, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after such charge, and the statute of the saide Subsidie, and the maner of the sayde certificat to be made in writing, conteyning the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Queenes obeysaunce, or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, aswell of yerely value of landes and

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tenementes, and of ſuche lyke poſſeſſions and profites, as the value of goodes and catteles, debtes, and euery thyng to their Certificate requiſite and neceſſary to them declared: the ſayde Commiſſioners there beyng, ſhall by theyr diſcretions appoynt and limit vnto the ſayde perſons, another daye and place, to appeare before the ſayde Commiſſioners, and chargyng the ſayde perſons, that they in the meane time ſhall make diligent inquirie, by all wayes and meanes, of the premiſſes, and then and there, euery of them vppon payne of forfayture of fourtie ſhyllynges to the Queenes Maieſtie, to appeare at the ſayd newe prefixed day and place, there to certifye vnto the ſayde Commiſſioners in wrytyng, accordyng to theyr ſayde charge, and according to the true intent of the ſaide graunt of Subſidie, and as to them in manner aforeſayde hath ben declared and ſhewed by the Commiſſioners. At which day and place ſo to them prefixed, yf any of the ſayde perſons make default, or appeare and refuſe to make the ſayde Certifycat: that then euery of them ſo offendyng, to forfayte to the Queenes Maieſtie fourtie ſhyllinges, except there be a reaſonable excuſe of his default, by reaſon of ſickneſſe or otherwyſe, by the othes of two credible perſons there wytneſſed. And of ſuch as appeare, ready to make certifycat as is aforeſayde, the ſayde Commiſſioners there beyng, ſhall take and receyue the ſame certifycat, and euery part thereof, and the names, values, and ſubſtaunce of euery perſon ſo certifyed: and yf the ſame Commiſſioners ſee cauſe reaſonable, they ſhall examine the ſayd preſenters thereof, and therevppon the ſayde Commiſſioners at the ſayde dayes and place, by theyr agreement among them ſelues, ſhall from tyme to time openly there prefixe a day, at a certaine place or places, within the limittes of theyr Commiſſion, by theyr diſcretion, for theyr further proceeding to the ſaide aſſeſſing of the ſame Subſidie, and therevppon at the ſayde day of the ſayde certifycat, as is aforeſayde, taken, the ſame Commiſſioners ſhall make theyr precept or preceptes to the Conſtables, Subconſtables, Bayliffes, or other officers, of ſuche Hundredes, Wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforeſayde, as the ſame Commiſſioners ſhalbe of, comprehendyng and conteynyng in the ſame precept, the names and ſurnames of all perſons preſented before them in the ſayde certifycat, of whom yf the ſayde Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhalde therevnto appoynted by the Queenes commiſſion, ſhall then haue behement ſuſpect, to be of more greater value or ſubſtaunce in landes, goodes, catteels, or ſummes of money owyng to them, or other ſubſtaunce beforeſayde, then vpon ſuche perſon or perſons ſhalbe certifyed: the ſame Commiſſioners ſhall make their precept or preceptes, directed to the Conſtable, Baſliffes, or other officers, commaunding the ſame Conſtable, Bayliffes, or other officers, to whom ſuche preceptes

shalbe directed, to warne suche persons whose names shalbe comprysed in the sayde precept, at theyr mansions, or to theyr persons, that the same persons named in suche preceptes, and euery of them, shall personally appeare before the sayde Commissioners at the same newe prefixed day and place, there to be examined by al wayes and meanes (other then by corporall othe) by the sayde Commissioners, of their greatest substaunce and best value, and of all and euery summes of money owyng to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concernyng the premysses, or any of them, according to this Acte. At whiche day and place so prefixed, the sayde Commissioners then and there beyng, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the Queenes commission, shall cause to be called the sayde persons, whose names shalbe comprysed in the sayde precept, as is before sayde, for theyr examination. And if any of those persons whiche shalbe warned, as is before sayde, to be examined, whiche at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefixed day, shalbe within suche place where he may haue knowledge of his sayde appearaunce to be made, make default, and appeare not, vnlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse, by the othes of two credible persons, before the sayde Commissioners be truely alleaged for his discharge: that then euery of them so making default, to be taxed and charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with, and at the double summes of the rate that he shoulde or ought to haue ben set at, for and after the best value of his landes or substaunce vppon hym certifyed, yf he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there beyng. Whiche Commissioners shal trauayle with euery of the other persons so then and there appearyng, whose names shalbe expressed in the sayde precept or preceptes, and in whom any behement suspect was or shalbe had in fourme aboue sayde, by all suche wayes and meanes they can, other then by corporall othe, for the better knowledge of theyr best value, eyther in hereditamentes, or possessions, eyther els in goodes or debtes.

And that euery spirituall person, at eyther of the sayde taxations of the sayde Subsidye, shalbe rated and set accordyng to the rate aboue sayde, of, and for euery pounde that the same spirituall person, or any other to his vse, hath by discente, bargayne, or purchase, in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeeres, by execution, by warde, or by coppe of Court rolle, in any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruices, Offices, Fees, Corrodies, Annuities, or Hereditamentes, after the true, iuste, and yeerely value thereof, and accordyng as other the Queenes Maiesties subiectes borne within this Realme, be charged, in fourme aboue remembred, so that it extende to the yeerely value of twentie shyllinges or aboue:

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And it is further enacted, that yf the sayde taxours and assessours, shall not duely behaue them selues in theyr inquirie, taxation, assessemente, or certifycat, but shall affectionatlye, corruptly, or partially demeane them selues in that behalfe, in such wyse, that the Commissioners shall by theyr consideration deeme them offendours, woorthy of punishement for not doyng theyr dueties therein: that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that countie, for this Subsidie, shall haue power and authoritie, by theyr discretions, eyther to charge the sayde assessours, vppon theyr corporall othes, for the better seruice aforesayde in that behalfe, or els by their discretions to taxe and set vppon euery of the sayde assessours, for theyr misdemeanours in that behalfe, suche a fyne or payne as they shall thinke good, so that it exceede not the summe of ten poundes, and the same fyne or payne, at theyr discretions to estreate into the Court of Exchequer. Euery which fyne so taxed and set by foure of the sayde Commissioners, or more, and beyng estreated with the Scedule or bookes of that limit, shalbe leuyed and aunswered to the Queenes vse, in lyke manner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as any other summe that shalbe taxed and become due by vertue of this statute and Acte of Subsidye, and not in any other wyse or maner.

And yf any person certifyed or rated by vertue of this Acte, whether he be Commissioner or other, to any manner of value, dooth fynde hym selfe greeued with the same presentement, sessyng, or taxyng, and therevppon complayne to the Commissioners, before whom he shall be rated, sessed, or taxed, or before two of them, before the same taxation be certifyed into the Court of the Exchequer: that then the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, shall by all wayes and meanes, examine particularly and distinctlye the person so complayning, vppon his othe and other his neyghboures, by theyr discretions, of euery his landes and tenementes aboue specifyed, and of euery his goods, cattels, and debtes aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had and perceyued by the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, whiche shall haue power by authoritie aforesayde: the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, to whom any suche complaynt shalbe made, by theyr discretion, vppon the othe of the sayde person so complaynyng, maye abate, defaulke, encrease, or enlarge the same assessement, accordyng as it shall appeare vnto them iust, vppon the same examination. And the same summe so abated, defaulked, encreased, or enlarged, shall be by them estreated in fourme as hereafter ensueth. And if it be proued by wytnesse, or by the parties owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yeere after any suche othe made, that the same

perſon ſo tared, and ſworne, was of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thinges aboue ſpecifyed, at the tyme of his ſayde othe, then the ſame perſon ſo ſworne dyd declare vpon his ſaide othe: that then euery ſuch perſon ſo offending, ſhal loſe and forfaite to the Queenes Maieſtie, ſo muche in lawfull money of England, as he the ſame perſon ſo ſworne, was ſet at, or tared to pay.

AND alſo it is enacted by the ſame auctoritie, that euery perſon to be rated at the ſayde taxation, as is aforeſayde, ſhall be rated, tared, and ſet, and the ſumme on hym ſet, to be leuied at ſuche place where he and his familie at the tyme of the ſame preſentment to be made, ſhall keepe his houſe or dwellyng, or where hee then ſhalbe moſte conuerſaunt, abyding, or reſiaunt, or ſhall haue his moſt reſorte, at the tyme of the ſayde Certificat to be made, and no where els. And that no Commiſſioner for this Subſidye, ſhall be rated or tared, for his goodes or landes, but in the Shyre and other place where he ſhalbe Commiſſioner. And that yf any perſon chargeable to this Acte, at the tyme of the ſame aſſeſſyng, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he ſhalbe knowen: then he to be ſet where he was laſte abydyng in this Realme, or within Wales, and after the ſubſtaunce, value, and other profytes of euery perſon, to be knowen by the examination, certificat, or other maner of wyſe, as is aforeſayde. And that the ſayde Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhalbe appoynted by the Queenes Maieſties commiſſion or Commiſſions, ſhall after the rate and rates aforeſayde, cauſe euery perſon to be ſet, rated and tared, accordyng to the rate of the ſubſtaunce and value of his landes, goodes, cattels, and other profytes chargeable by this Acte, whereby the greateſt and moſte beſt ſumme or ſummes, accordyng to his moſte ſubſtaunce, by reaſon of this Acte, myght or may be ſet, or tared. And that euery perſon tared in any Countie or place, other then where he is moſt reſiaunt or hath his familie, or in any Countie or place, other then where he is a Commiſſioner for this Subſidye, yf he be a Commiſſioner, vppon certificate made to the ſayde courte of Exchequer, vnder the handes and ſeales of two Commiſſioners for the Subſydie in the ſame Countie or place where ſuche perſon is moſte reſiaunt, or hath his familie, or where he is a commiſſioner for the taxation and paymente of this Subſidye, teſtifying ſuche his moſte reſiauncie, hauyng of familie, or beyng a Commiſſioner: ſhall be a ſufficient diſcharge for the taxation of that perſon in all other places, and of, and for all other ſummes of money vppon ſuche perſon ſo ſet and tared, ſaue onely the taxation made in that Countie or place from whiche ſuche certificat ſhalbe made, as is aforeſayde, and for the ſumme of money vppon ſuche perſon there aſſeſſed or

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Prouided alwayes, that euery ſuche perſon, whiche ſhall be rated, or tared, accordyng to the intente and true meanyng of this Acte, for payment of and to this Subſidye, for, and after the yerely value of his landes, tenementes, and other reall poſſeſſions or profytes, at any of the ſayde taxations, ſhall not after be ſet and tared for his goodes and cattelles, or other his moueable ſubſtaunce at the ſame taxation, and that he that ſhall be ſet, charged or tared for the ſame Subſidye, for his goodes, cattels, and other moueables, at any of the ſayde taxations, according to the true meanyng of this Acte, ſhall not after be charged, tared, or chargeable for his landes, or other reall poſſeſſions and profytes aboueſayde, at the ſame taxations, nor any of them, nor that any perſon by any taxation be double charged for the ſayde Subſidye, nor ſet nor tared at ſeuerall places by reaſon of this Acte. But yf any perſon happen to be double ſet, tared, or charged, eyther in one place, or at ſeuerall places: then he to be diſcharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other, accordyng to the meanyng and intent of this Acte. Any thyng contayned in this preſent Acte to the contrary, notwythſtanding.

And that it be ordeyned and enacted by the ſayde auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that no perſon hauing two manſions, or two places to reſorte vnto, or callyng hym ſelfe houſholde ſeruaunt, or waytyng ſeruaunt to the Queenes Maieſtie, or other Lorde, or Lady, Maiſter or Maiſtres, be excuſed vpon his ſaying, from the taxes of the ſayd Subſidye, in neither of the places where he may be ſet or tared, vnleſſe he bryng a certificat in writing from the Commiſſioners, where that he is ſo ſet or tared in deede at one place. And yf any perſon that ought to be ſet and tared to this preſent Subſidye, by reaſon of his remouyng or reſorting to two places, or by reaſon of his ſaying that he els where was tared, or by reaſon of any priuiledge by his dwelling or abyding in any place, not being forpriſed in this Acte, or otherwiſe, by his couine or craft or by any wordes or ſayinges, or yf any that is a Commiſſioner or Aſſeſſour of others, happen to eſcape from the ſayd taxations of this Subſidye, or any of them, and be not ſet and tared, according to the true intent of this Act, & that proued by preſentment, examination, information, or otherwiſe, before the ſaid Commiſſioners, or two of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maieſties exchequer, or two Juſtices of the peace, of the Countie where ſuch perſō dwelleth:

then euery ſuche perſon that by ſuche meanes, or otherwyſe wyllyngly by couyne, or without iuſt cauſe, ſhall happen to eſcape from the ſayde taxations, or paymentes aforeſayde, or any of them, and ſhall not be rated, taxed, and ſet, ſhall be charged vppon the knowe-ledge and proofe thereof, with, and at the double value of ſo muche as he ſhould, myght, or ought to haue ben ſet and taxed at, by vertue of this Acte. And the ſame double value to be leuyed, gathered, and payde, of his goodes and cattelles, landes, and tenementes, towardes the ſayde Subſidie, and further to be puniſhed accordyng to the diſcretions of the Barons, Juſtices, and Commiſſioners, before whom he ſhall be conuicted for his offence and deceypt in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that the ſayde Commiſſioners in euery commiſſion, ſhall accordyng to theyr deuiſions, and after they be deuided, haue full power and aucthoritie by this Acte, to ſet, taxe, and ſeſſe euery other Commiſſioner, ioyned with them in euery ſuche commiſſion and deuiſion, and ſhall alſo aſſeſſe euery aſſeſſour within theyr deuiſion, for his and theyr goodes, landes, and other the premiſſes, as is aboueſayde: by the whiche ſayde commiſſion, the ſayde Commiſſioners ſhall indifferently ſet, taxe, and aſſeſſe them ſelues and the ſayde aſſeſſours. And that aſwell the ſummes vppon euery of the ſayde Commiſſioners and aſſeſſours, ſo ſeſſed, rated, and taxed, as the ſummes made and preſented by the preſenters ſworne as is aboueſayde, ſhalbe wrytten, certifyed, ſet, and eſtreated, and the eſtreates thereof to be made wyth other the inhabitauntes of that parties, within the limittes of the ſame Commiſſion and deuiſion, ſo to be gathered and leuied, in lyke manner as it ought or ſhoulde haue ben, yf the ſayde Commiſſioners had not ben in the ſayde Commiſſion. And that all perſons of the eſtate of a Baron or Barons, and euery eſtate aboue, ſhall be charged with theyr free holde, and value, as is aboueſayde, by the Chauncellour, or Lord Keper of the great Seale of England, the hygh Treaſourer of Englande for the tyme beyng, and other ſuche perſons, as by the Queenes Maieſties aucthoritie or commaundement, ſhall be named and appoynted, and they to be charged for the ſayde ſeuerall paymentes of the ſayde Subſidye, after the fourme of the ſayde graunt, accordyng to the taxation aforeſayde. And the ſummes of and vpon them to be ſet and taxed, wyth the names of the Collectours appoynted for the gathering and paying of the ſame, to be eſtreated, deliuered, and certifyed at dayes and places aboue ſpecifyed, by the Lorde Chauncellour, or Keper of the great Seale, and Treaſurer, and other ſuche perſons, as thereynto ſhalbe named.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that after

after the tares and assesses of the sayde summes, vppon and by the sayde assessyng and certificate, as is aforesayde, made by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted, and haue aucthoritie by the Queenes Maiesties commission: shall wyth all speede, and without delay, by the wrytyng estreated of the sayde tare thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuell of the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted, at the least, shalbe delyuered vnto sufficient and substaunciall inhabitauntes, Constables, Subconstables, Bailyffes, and other officers ioyntly, of Hundredes, Townes, Paryshes, and other places aforesayde, within theyr limittes, or to other sufficient persons inhabitauntes of the same, onely by the discretion of the sayde Commissioners, and as the place and parties shall require, as well the particular names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of money tared and set, of, and vppon euery person, as wel man as woman chargeable to this Acte, houlholders, and all other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the sayde Paryshes, Townes, and places contributorie to this Acte of Subsidye. By aucthoritie of whiche wrytyng or estreate so delyuered, the sayde officers and other persons so named and deputed seuerally, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, immediatly after the delyuery of the sayde wrytyng or estreate, to demaund, leuie, and gather of euery person therin specifyed, the summe and summes in the same wrytyng or estreate comprysed, and for non payment thereof, to distrayne the same person or persons so beyng behynde, by theyr goodes and cattelles, and the distresse so taken, to kepe by the space of eyght dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And yf the sayde owner do not pay such summe of money as shall be tared by aucthoritie of this Acte, wythin the same .viii. dayes: then the same distresse to be appryseed by foure, three, or two of the inhabitauntes where suche distresse is taken, and also then to be solde by the sayd Constable, or other collectours, for the payment of the said money, and the ouerplus commyng of the sale and keepyng therof, (yf any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse. Which said officers & other persons so deputed, to aske, take, gather, and leuie the sayde summes, shall aunswere and be charged for the portion onely to them assigned and limitted, to be gathered, leuyed and comprysed in the sayde wrytyng or estreate, so to them, as is aforesayde, delyuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her heyres and successours, and the sayde summe in that wrytyng or estreate comprysed, to paye vnto the hygh Collectour or Collectours of that place, for the collection of the same, in maner and fourme vnder wrytten, therevnto to be named and deputed. And the same inhabitauntes and officers, so

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gathering the same particular summes, for their collection thereof, shall receyne for euery .xx.s. so by them receyued and payde, two pence, and that to be alowed at the payment of their collection, by them to be made to the hygh Collectour or collectours.

And further, be it enacted by the saide auctoritie, that the sayde Commissioners, or the more part of them, as shall take vpon them the execution and busines of the sayde commission, shall for euery of the same paymentes of the sayd Subsidie, name such sufficient and hable persons, which then shall haue and possede landes and other herditamentes, in their owne ryght, of the yeerely value of .xx.li. or goodes to the value of two hundreth markes at the least, in Shires, Rydynges, Lathes, Wapētakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswell within places priuiledged, as without, not beyng foreprysed within this Acte to be hygh Collectours, and to haue the collection and receipt of the said summes, set, and leuiable within the precinct, limit, and boundes, where they shall be so limited and appoynted to be hygh Collectours. And to euery of the sayd Collectours so seuerally named, the sayd Commissioners, or two of them at the lest, with al speede, and without delay, after the sayd whole summe of any payment of the saide subsidie, be set by all the limittes of the same their commission, or in such limittes as the hygh Collectours shalbe so seuerally assigned: shall vnder their seales & signes manuel, deliuer one estreate indented in parchment, comprising in it the names of all such persons as were assigned to leuie the sayde particular summes, and the summes of euery Hundred, Wapentake, towne, or other place aforesaid, with ꝑ names and surnames of the persons so chargeable, according to the estreate so first therof made & deliuered, as is aforesaid. And the Collectours so to be assigned, shalbe charged to aunswere the whole summe comprysed in the sayd estreate limitted to his collection, as is aforesayde.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the sayde Commissioners, hauing auctoritie by this Acte, to name and nominate the sayd hygh Collectours of the said subsidie: shall immediatly vpon the nomination and election, take by authoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces or Obligations, wythout any fee or reward to be payde therefore, of euery person so by them to be named to be hygh Collectour, to be bounden to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endorsed and made vpon such condition: That is to saye, for the collection of the sayde first payment of the sayde Subsidye, that yf the sayde Collectour, his heyres, or executours, do truely contente & pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, or successours, in the receypte of the sayde Exchequer, at or before the sayde fyrst of Aprill next ensuyng, so muche of the

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ſayde ſumme of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he ſhall collect and gather, and content and paye the reſidue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after ſuche tyme as he hath geathered and collected the ſame reſidue: that then the ſaid Recogniſaunces or obligations to be voyde, or els to ſtande in full ſtrength and vertue. And for the collection of the ſecond payment of the ſayd Subſidie, vpon condition, that if the ſayd collectour, his heyres, or executours, doo truely content and paye to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres, or ſucceſſours, in her receipt of ẏ Exchequer, at or before the firſt day of Aprill, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lord God. M. D. lxviii. ſo much of the ſayd ſumme of mony allotted and appointed to his collection, as he ſhall collect and gather, and content & paye the reſidue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after ſuch tyme as he hath gathered & collected the ſame reſidue: that then the ſayd recogniſaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to ſtand in full ſtrength and vertue. Whiche ſayde ſeueral recogniſaunces, or obligations ſo taken, the ſaid commiſſioners ſhall ſeuerally certifye and deliuer into the Queenes Maieſties Exchequer, with the ſeuerall certifycates of the ſayde taxations and rates of the paymentes of the ſayde Subſidye, at and by the time to them preſcribed and appoynted by this Acte, for the certifycat of the ſayd ſeuerall taxations of the ſayd Subſidye, vpon payne of forfayture of. r. li. to the Queenes Maieſtie, for euery Recogniſaunce or obligation not certifyed. And that euery ſuch Collectour, ſo elected, named, and choſen, vpon requeſt to hym made, ſhal knowledge and make the ſayde Recogniſaunce or obligation, vppon lyke payne and forfayture of r. li. to the Queenes Maieſte, for the refuſall thereof. And euery Collectour, ſo deputed, hauing the ſayde eſtreate in parchement, as is aforeſayde, ſhall haue aucthoritie by this Acte, to appoynt dayes and places within the circuite of his collection, for the payment of the ſayde Subſidye, to hym to be made, and thereof to geue wardyng by Proclamation, or otherwyſe, to all the Conſtables or other perſons, or inhabitauntes, hauing the charge of the particular collection within the Hundredes, Paryſhes, Townes, or other places by hym or them limitted, to make payment for the ſayd particular collection of euery ſumme, as to them ſhall appertayne, And yf at the ſame day and place ſo limitted and prefixed by the ſayd hygh Collectour, the ſayde Conſtable, officers, or other perſons, or inhabitauntes, as is aforeſayde, for the ſayde particular collection aſſigned and appoynted within ſuche Hundred, Citie, Towne, or other place, do not pay vnto the ſaid high Collectours, the ſumme within theyr ſeueral Hundredes, Townes, Pariſhes, and other places, due, and compriſed in the ſayd eſtreate thereof to them deliuered by the ſayde Commiſſioners, or ſome of them, as is aforeſayde, or

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so much thereof as they haue by any meane receyued (vi.d. of euery pounde, for the sayde particular collection, as is aforesayde, alwayes to be thereof alowed, excepted, and abated:) that then it shall be lawfull to the sayde hygh Collectours, and euery of them, and to theyr assignes, to distrayne euery of the sayde Constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes, for theyr sayde seuerall and particuler collection of the sayde summes, comprysed in the sayde estreate and wrytyng thereof to them and euery of them, as is before expressed, deliuered, or for as muche of the same summe, as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuyed, and behynde and vnpayde, by the goodes and cattelles of euery of them so beyng behynde. And the distresse so taken, to be kept, appraysed, and solde, as is aforesayde, and thereof to take and leuye the summes so then beyng behinde and vnpayde. And the ouerplus comming of the sale of the sayd distresse (yf any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes, that no person inhabyting in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be any assessour or Collectour, of, or for any parte of the sayde Subsidye, in any place or places out of the sayde Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the sayde aucthoritie enacted, that yf any inhabitaunt, or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons charged to and for the Collection or receipt of any part or portion of the sayde Subsidie, by any maner of meanes, according to this Acte, or any person or persons for them selues, or as keeper, gardian, deputie, factour, or attourney, of, or for any other person or persons, of any goodes and cattels of the owner thereof, at the tyme of the sayde assessyng to be made, beyng out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of, and for the goodes and cattels of any other person or persons of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Mistery, or other whatsoeuer comminaltie, beyng incorporate, or not incorporate, & all persons hauyng in their rule, gouernaunce, and custody, any goodes or cattels, at the tyme of the sayde assessing, or any of them to be made, or whiche for any cause, for and by collection, or for hym self, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernance, or custody of any goodes or cattels of any other person or persons, Corporation, comminaltie, Fraternitie, Guilde, or Mistery, or any suche other lyke, or as factour, deputie, or atturney, of, or for any person: shalbe tared, rated, valued, & set, to any summe or summes, by reason of this Acte, and after the taxation or assessyng vppon any such person or persons as shalbe charged with ȳ receipt of the same, happen to dye, or depart from the place where he was so tared and set, or his goodes or cattels be so eloyned, or in suche priuie & couert maner

maner kept, as the sayde person or persons charged with the same, by estreates, or other writynges from the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the sayde Commission, as is aforesayde, can, ne may leuie the same summe or summes comprysed within the same estreates, by distresse within the limittes of theyr collection, as is aforesayde, or can not sell such distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the sayd paymentes, before the tyme limited to the hygh Collectour, for his payment to be made in the Queenes Maiesties receypt: then vppon relation thereof, with due examination, by the othe or examination of suche person or persons as shalbe charged wyth and for the receipt and collection of the same, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the said commission shalbe therunto appointed, where such person or persons, or other, as is aforesayde, theyr goodes and cattels, were set and taxed, and vpon playne certificat thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, aswell of the dwellyng place, names, and summes of the sayd persons, of whom the sayde summes can not be leuied and had, as is aforesayde: then aswell the Constables and other inhabitantes appoynted for the sayde perticuler collection, agaynst the hygh Collectours, as the hygh collectour vpon his accompt and othe in the said Exchequer to be discharged thereof, and procesle to be made for the Queenes Maiestie, out of the sayd Exchequer, by the discretion of ꝑ Barons of the sayde Exchequer, agaynst suche person, his heyres, or executours, so being behind with his payment. And ouer that, that the same commissioners to whom any such declaration of the premisses shalbe made, in forme aforesayde, from time to time, shal haue full power & aucthoritie, to direct their precept or preceptes vnto the said person or persons charged with any summe, of, for & vppon any suche person or persons, or other as is aforesayd, or to any Sheriffe, Steward, Bayliffe, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons, of such place or places where any such person or persons so owing such summe or summes, shall haue landes and tenements, or other hereditaments, or reall possessions, goodes & cattels, whereby any such person or persons so indebted, his heyres, executours, or assignes, or other hauyng the custody, gouernance, or dispositiō of any goods, cattels, landes, or tenements, or other hereditaments, which ought or may by this Acte lawfully be distrayned or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goods, cattels, landes, tenements, or other possessions, wherof such summe or sūmes which by any such person or persons, may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limits of such Commission where suche person or persons was and were taxed, or without, in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes maiesties dominions, Marches, or Territories.

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By whiche precept, aswell such person or persons as shalbe charged to leuie such money, as the officers of the place or places, where such distresse may be taken, shall haue full power and authoritie to distrayne euery such person indebted, charged, and chargeable by this Act, or his executours, or administratours of his goodes and cattels, his gardians, factours, deputies, lelles, farmours, and assignes, and all other persons by whose handes, or out of whose landes, any suche persons shoulde haue rent, fee, annuitie, or other profite, or which at the tyme of the sayde assessing, shall haue goodes or cattels, or any other thing moueable, of any suche person or persons beyng indebted, or owing such summe. And the distresse so taken, cause to be kept, appraysed and solde, in lyke manner and fourme, as is aforesayd for the distresse to be taken, vpon suche persons to be tared to the sayde Subsidie, and beyng sufficient to distrayne within the limittes of the Collectours, inhabitaunts, or other officers, charged with, or for the same summes, so vppon them to be tared. And if any suche distresse, for none payment, happen to be taken out of the limit of the sayd persons charged and assigned to leuie the same: the persons so charged for the leuie of any such summes by distresse, shal receyue and take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person goyng for the execution thereof, for euery myle that any such person so laboureth for the same. ii. d. And euery Farmour, Tenaunt, Gardian, Factour, or other whatsoeuer person, beyng distrained, or otherwyse charged for payment of any suche summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Acte, shalbe of suche summe or summes of hym or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquited at his next daye of payement of the same, or at the deliuerie of suche goodes and cattels, as he that is so distrayned had in his custody and gouernaunce, agaynst hym or them that shalbe so tared and set: any graunt or writyng obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore, notwythstanding.

And yf any suche person that shoulde be so distrayned, haue no landes or tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his Tenauntes and Farmours may be distrayned, or haue eloyned or hid his goods and cattelles, whereby he should or myght be distraynes, in such maner, that suche goodes and cattelles shall not be knowen or founde, so that the summe of or by him to be payed in the sayde fourme, shall ne can be conueniently leuied: then vppon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the sayd Commission shalbe therunto appointed, where such person or persons was tared and set, by the othes of hym or them that shall be charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or summes, the same Commissioners shall make a precept, in suche maner as is aforesayde, for to attache, take, and arrest the body of such person or persons that ought

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to pay the sayde summes, and by this acte shalbe charged with and for the sayde summe and summes: and them so taken, safely to keepe in prison, within the Shire or other place, where any suche person or persons shalbe taken and attached, there to remayne without bayle or mainprise, vntil he hath paide the same summe or summes, that suche person for him selfe, or for any other, by this Acte shalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withall: And also for the fees of euery suche arrest, to hym or them that shall execute suche precept, twentie pence. And that euery officer, vnto whom such precept shall be directed, do his true diligence, and execute the same vppon euery person so beyng indebted, vppon payne to forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie for euery default in that behalfe. xx.s. And that no keeper of any Gayle, from his Gayle suffer any suche person to go at large by lettyng to bayle, or otherwyse to depart out of his prison, before he haue payde his sayde debt, and the sayd twentie pence for the said arrest, vpon paine to forfaite to the Queenes Maiestie. xl.s. and the same Gayler to pay vnto the Queenes Maiestie the double value, aswell of the rate whiche the sayde persons so imprisoned was tared at, as of the sayde twentie pence for the fees. And lyke procesle and remedie, in lyke fourme, shalbe graunted by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde commission shalbe therunto appoynted, at lyke information of euery person or persons beyng charged with any summe of money, for any other person or persons by reason of the sayde Subsidie, and not thereof payde, but wilfully withdrawen, ne the same leuiable within the limittes where suche persons were thereunto tared. And if the summe or summes, beyng behynde vnpayde, by any person or persons, as is aforesayde, be leuyed and geathered by force of the sayde procesle to be made by the same Commissioners, or yf in default or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owyng the sayde summe or summes of money, by procesle of the same Commissioners, to be made as is aforesayde, be committed to prison in fourme abouesayde: that then the sayde Commissioners whiche shall awarde suche procesle, shall make certificate therof in the sayd Exchequer, of that shalbe done in the premisses, in the Tearme next folowyng after suche summe or summes of money so beyng behynde, shalbe leuyed and geathered, or suche person or persons for non payment of the same committed to prison.

And yf it happen any of the sayde Collectours to be assigned, or any Maiors, Sheriffes, Stewardes, Constables, the Headborowe, Burtholder, Bayliffe, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, to disobey the sayde Commissioners, or any of them, in the reasonable request to them made by the sayde Commissioners, for execution of the sayde Commission, or yf

any of the officers or other persons doo refuse that to them shall appertayne and belong to do, by reason of any precept to hym or them to be directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instaunce, or request, touching the premisses, or other default, in any appearaunce or collection to make, or yf any person beyng suspect, or not to be indifferently tayed, as is aforesaide, doo refuse to be examined, according to the tenour of this Acte, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto assigned, as is aforesayde, or wyll not appeare before the same Commissioners vppon warning to hym made, or els make resistaunce or rescous, vppon any distresse vppon hym to be taken for any parcell of the sayde Subsidie, or commit any mis behauiour in any maner of wyse contrary to this Acte, or commit any wylfull omission, or other whatsoeuer wylful not doyng, or misdoing contrary to the tenour of this Acte or graunt: The same Commissioners, and euery number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, vppon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanours, had by information, or examination, shall, and may set vppon euery suche offendour for euery suche offence, in name of a fyne, by the same offendour to be forfeyted, fourtie shillinges, or vnder, by the discretion of the same Commissioners.

And further, the same Commissioners, and euery number of them, or two of them at the least, shall haue auctoritie by this present Acte, to punishe euery suche offendour by imprisonment, there to remayne, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme to them conuenient, the sayd fines, if any such be, to be certified by the sayde Commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, there to be leuied and payde, by the Collectours of that parties for the sayde Subsidie, returned into the sayde Exchequer, to be therewith charged wyth the payment of the sayde Subsidie, in suche maner, as yf the sayd fines had ben set and tayed vppon the sayde offendours, for the saide Subsidye.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctoritye of this presente Parliament, that euery of the sayde hygh Collectours, whiche shall accompt for any part of the sayde Subsidie in the sayde Exchequer, vpon theyr seuerall accomptes to be yelded, shalbe allowed at euery of the sayde paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, for euery pounde limitted to his collection, whereof any suche Collectour shalbe charged and yelde accompt. vi. d. as parcell of theyr charge: That is to saye, of euery pounde thereof, for suche person as then haue had the particuler collection in the Cownes and other places as is aforesaid, specified in his collection. ii. d. And other. ii. d. of euery pounde therof euery of the saide chiefe Collectours or their accomptauntes, to reteyne to theyr owne vse, for theyr labour and charge, in and about

about the premisses. And .ii.d. of euery pounde residue to be deliuered, allowed, and payde, by the sayde Collectours so beyng thereof allowed, to such of the Commissioners, as shall take vpon them the busines and labour for and about the premisses: That is to say, euerye Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners which had the ordering of the wrytinges, of, and for the sayde Subsidie, where the sayde Collectour or Collectours had theyr collection, for the expences of the sayde Commissioners so takyng vpon them the sayde businesse and labour of theyr clarkes wrytyng the sayde preceptes and extractes for the sayd collections, the same last .ii.d. of euery pounde to be deuided amongst the sayd commissioners, hauyng regarde to theyr labour and businesse, taken by them or theyr sayde Clarkes, in, and about the premisses. For the whiche part so to the sayde Commissioners attaynyng, the sayde Commissioners, vi.v.iiii.iii. or two, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appointed by the Queenes Maiesties commission, and euery of them, ioyntly and seuerally, for his and their sayde parte, may haue his remedye agaynst the sayde Collectour or Collectours, whiche thereof ben and myght haue ben allowed, by action of debt, in which the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neyther protection, neyther Iniunction, or essoigne shalbe allowed. And that no person nowe beyng of the number of the companye of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner, shalbe named or alligned to be any Collectour or Subcollectour, or presentour of the sayde Subsidye, or of any parte thereof, nor no Commissioners shalbe compelled to make any presentment or certificate, other then in the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, of, for, or concernyng the sayde Subsidie, or any parte thereof. And lykewyse that no other person that shalbe named or alligned to be Commissioners in any place, to, and for the execution of this Acte of Subsidie, be, or shalbe alligned or named head Collectours of any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidye, neyther of any part thereof. And that euery suche person or persons whiche shalbe named and appoynted as is aforesayde, to be head Collectours, in, and for the first payment of this Subsidie, shall not be compelled to be Collectour for the seconde payment of the sayde subsidye, or for any parte thereof. And the sayde Collectours which shalbe alligned for the collection of the sayde subsidie, or for any part thereof, and euery of them, be, and shalbe acquited and discharged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or any thyng concernyng the same to be asked. And that yf any person receyue or take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any such accomptaunt: that then he shall forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie, for

euery peny, or value of euery peny so taken, fiue shillinges, and suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taxing and assessing of the sayde Subsidies (as is aforesayde) had or made, and the sayde extractes thereof in parchement, vnto the Collectour, in manner and fourme before rehearsed, deliuered: the sayde Commissioners whiche shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte, within the limittes of their Commission, by their agreementes, shall haue meeting togeather, at which meeting, euery of the sayde Commissioners whiche then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the sayde commission, shall by hym self, or by his sufficient Deputie, truely certifye and bring forth vnto the sayd Commissioners named in the sayde Commission, the certificat and presentment, made before hym and such other Commissioners as were limitted with him in one limit, so that the same certificat may be accompted and cast with the other certificates of the other limittes wythin the same Commission: and then the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, vnto two at the least, as is aforesayde, yf any be in lyfe, or their executours, or administratours of their goodes yf they then be dead, shall ioyntly and seuerally, as they were deuided wythin their limittes, vnder their seales, by their discretion, make one or seuerall writinges indended, containing in it, as wel the names of the sayd Collectours, by the Commissioners for such collectiō and accomptes in the Exchequer, and payment in the same receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes wrytten vnto euery suche Collectours to receyue the sayde Subsidie. And also all fynes, amerciaments, and other forfaytures, if any such by reason of this Act happen to be within the precinct & limit of their Commission, to be certifyed into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer by the sayde Commissioners. In which wrytting or wrytynges indented, so to be certifyed, shalbe playnely declared and expressed the whole and entire summe or summes of the sayde Subsidye, seuerally limitted to the collection of the sayde Collectours, seuerally deputed and assigned to the collection of the sayd summes, so that none of the sayd Collectours so certified in the sayd Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt, or to be charged, but only to and for the summe limitted to his collection, and not to or for any summe limitted to the collection of his fellowe, but euery of them shalbe seuerally charged for their part limitted to their collection. And if the said Commissioners ioyned in one commission, among them selues in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not redy, or refuse to make certificat, with other of the same Cōmissioners: that then the same Commissioners may make seuerall Indentures in fourme aforesaid, of their seueral limits, or separations of Collectours within the limittes of their Commission, vpon & in

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the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or ſuche other lyke diuiſions within their ſayde ſeuerall limittes of their commiſſions, as the places there ſhall require to be ſeuered and diuided, and as to the ſame Commiſſioners ſhall ſeeme good, to make diuiſions of their limittes or collections, for the ſeuerall charges of the ſame Collectours, ſo that alway one Collectour ſhalbe charged and accompt for his part to him to be limitted, onely by hym ſelfe, and not for any ſumme limitted to the part of any of his felowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours to be ſet and certified ſeuerally vpon them. And euery ſuch Collectour, vpon his accompt and paiment of the ſumme of money limitted within his collection, to be ſeuerally by hym ſelf acquited & diſcharged in the ſayde Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewardes to any perſon or perſons for the ſame, vpon the payne and penaltie laſt aboueſayde, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectour. And yf any Commiſſioner, after he hath taken certificate of them, that, as is aforeſayde, ſhall beforе any ſuche Commiſſioner be examined, and the ſummes rated and ſet, and the bookes and writinges thereof beyng in his handes, or if any Collectour or other perſon, charged with any receipt of any part of the ſayde Subſidie, or any other perſon, taxed, or otherwyſe by this acte charged with and for any parcell of the ſaide Subſidie, or with any other ſummes, fine, amerciamēt, penaltie, or other forfaiture, happen to die, beforе the Commiſſioner, Collectour, or other, whatſoeuer perſon or perſons haue executed, accompliſhed, ſatiſfied, or ſufficiently diſcharged that which to euery ſuche perſon ſhal appartеyne or belong to do, according to this acte: then the executours and heires of euery ſuche perſon, and all other ſeaſed of any landes and tenementes, that any ſuche perſon beyng charged by this act, and deceaſſing beforе he be diſcharged thereof, or any other to his vſe onely had, of eſtate of inheritance, at the time that any ſuche perſon was named Commiſſioner, Collectour, or otherwyſe charged with and for any maner of thyng to be done, ſatiſfied, or payde, by reaſon of this acte: And all thoſe that haue in their poſſeſſions or handes, any goodes, cattelles, leaſſes, or other thynges, that were to any ſuche perſon or perſons at the time of his death, or any landes or tenementes, that were the ſame perſons, at the tyme he was (as is aforeſayde) charged by this Act, ſhal be by the ſame compelled and charged, to do, and accompliſhe to do, in euery caſe as the ſame perſon ſo beyng charged ſhoulde haue done, and might haue ben compelled to do, yf he had ben in playne lyfe, after ſuche rate, of the landes and goodes of the ſayde Commiſſioner or Collectour, as the partie ſhall haue in his hande. And yf the ſayde Commiſſioners, for cauſes reaſonable them mouyng, ſhall thinke

it not conuenient to ioyne in one certificate, as is aforesayde: then the sayde person or persons that shal first ioyne togeather, or he that shal first certifie the saide writing indented, as is aforesayde, shal certifie all the names of the Commissioners of that commission, wherupon such writinges shalbe there then to be certified, with diuision of the Hundredes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Tythings, or other places, to, & among suche Commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same Commissioners, where such separations and diuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, as well of and for the sayde Subsidie, taxed, or set, of or within the sayde Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, or other places to hym or them diuided or assigned, that shall so certifie the sayde first writyng, as of the fines, amerciamentes, penalties, or other forfaytures, yf any happen to be within the same limittes whereof the same writynges shalbe certified, and after suche writyng indented, whiche, as is aforesayde, shalbe certified, and not conteyne in it the whole and full summes set and taxed within the limittes of the same commission, the other Commissioners of the same, before the day of payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall certifie into the sayde Exchequer, by their writyng or writynges indented, to be made as is aforesayde, the grosse and seuerall summes, set and taxed within the places to them lymitted for the sayde Subsidie, and other fynes, amerciamentes, penalties, & forfaytures, with the names of the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or els by theyr sayde writynges indented, to certifie at the same place, before the same day of payment, suche reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make suche certificate, of, and for the sayde Subsidie, fynes, amerciamentes, and other forfaytures growyng or set by reason of the causes of theyr lettes, or of their non certifying, as is abouesayd, or els in defaulte thereof, procesle to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, agaynst the sayde Commissioners, and euery of them, not makyng certificate, as is aforesayde, by the discretion of the Treasourer or Barons of the sayde Exchequer.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the inhabitauntes of the Parishe of Saint Martin, called Stamforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stamforde, in the South part of the water there, called Welland, whiche hereafter shalbe contributorie to the payment of this present Subsidie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours: shalbe assessed, rated, and taxed for this time, by suche Commissioners whiche shalbe appoynted for the taxyng, ratyng and sessyng of suche Subsidie or tare, within the Countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this tyme contributorie, and pay the said

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Subsidie to the Collectour or Collectours whiche shalbe assigned and appoynted, for the leuying and geathering of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgesses of the sayd Borough & Towne of Stamforde.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that al and euery person and persons, hauing manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the Subsidie graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this Acte, and also hauing Spirituall possessions chargeable to her sayde Maiestie by the graunt made by the Cleargie of this Realme in theyr conuocation, and ouer this, hauyng substaunce in goodes and catteles chargeable by this sayde Acte: that then yf any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed, and tared for the sayde manours, landes, and tenementes, and Spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and tared for his or their goodes and catteles, that then he or they shalbe onely charged by vertue of this Acte for his and their sayde manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions, or only for his sayd goodes and catteles, the best thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of Subsidie, nor any thyng therin conteyned, in any wyse extende to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers, in Irelande, Jerneley and Gerneley, or any of them, of, for, or concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, catteles, or other moueable substaunce, which the sayde inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within Irelande, Jerneley, and Garneley, or in any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees, or wages, whiche any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers, haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendaunce and doyng seruice to our Soueraigne Lady in Ireland, Jerneley and Garneley, or in any of them: Any thyng in this present acte to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also that this present Acte of Subsidie, ne any thyng therein conteyned, extende to any of the Englishe inhabitauntes or resauntes, in any of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vppon Tyne, and the Bysshopricke of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, catteles, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the same inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerland, or the Towne of Barwicke, the

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Towne of Newcastell vpon Tine, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees, or wages, whiche any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie for their attendaunce and doyng seruice to the Queenes Maiestie, for or within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerland, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, and the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, to, or for the sayde taryng, leuying, geatheryng, or payment: but that the Englishe inhabitauntes and reliauntes, and euery of them, of the sayde Counties, Bishopricke, and Townes, and euery of them, shall be of, and from the sayde Subsidie, and euery parcell thereof, and for their manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattelles, lying & beyng in the sayd Counties, Townes, and Bishopricke, or any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged: Any thyng in this present acte before rehearsed to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that al letters patentes graunted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble progenitours, to any Cities, Boroughes, or Townes, within this realme, of any maner of liberties, priuiledges, or exemptions, from the burden and charge of any such grauntes of Subsidies, whiche be at this present tyme in force and bayleable, shall remayne good and effectuall, to the sayd Cities, Boroughes, and Townes hereafter, according to the purportes therof, though the inhabitantes of the same, shall vppon the great and wayghtie cõsyderation of the graunt abouesayd, be for this graunt charged and contributorie, in lyke maner, fourme, and sort, as other Cities, Borroughes, and Townes, which be not in any wyse priuileged, but be by this acte charged.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that no Orphant or Infant within ỳ age of .xxi. yeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any payment of this Subsidie, for his or her goodes and cattels, to him or her leaft or bequeathed: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein contayned, shall not extende to the goodes or landes of any Colledge, Hall, or Hostell, within the Vniuersities of Oxforde, and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Winton founded by Bishop Wykham, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Eaton nexte Wyndsor, or to the landes, tenementes, or reuenues, onely alligned or appoynted for the sustentation and lyuynges of the poore Knightes, founded in the Castell or Colledge of Wyndsor by our late Soueraigne Lorde King Henry the eyght, or to any the goodes or cattels of the sayde Knightes, or of any of them, or to the goodes

goodes or landes of any common free Grammer schoole wythin the Realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Scholemaster, or Scholer, or any graduate restaunt or remayning for studie, wythout fraude or couin, wythin any of the sayde Vniuersities and Colledges, or Townes of Cambridge and Orforde, or Suburbes of the same, or any of them, or to any their seruauntes dayly attendaunt vppon any of them, nor to the goodes of any officer, minister, almes man, or seruauntes belongyng to any of the sayde Vniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostelles, and dwellyng and restaunt wythin the sayde Vniuersities, or eyther of them, or wythin eyther of the sayde Townes of Cambridge and Orforde, and Suburbes of the same, wythout fraude or couyn: Nor to the goodes and landes of any Hospytall, Mealondue, or Spittlehouse, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and relefe of poore people: Any thyng in this Acte contayned to the contrary, in any wyse notwythstandyng.

Prouided also, that the sayde graunt of Subsidye, or any thyng therein contayned, doo not in any wyse extend, or be prætudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes or restauntes at this present tyme wythin the fyue Portes corporate, or to any of theyr members incorporte or vnited to the same fyue Portes, or to any of the same fyue Portes, of, or for any part or parcell of the sayd summes graunted in this Parliament, of the sayd inhabitauntes nowe restaunt, or any of them, to be tared, set, assed, leuied, or payde: But the sayde inhabitauntes and restauntes in the sayde fyue Portes, and theyr members, be, and shalbe of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde Subsidie, duryng theyr restauncie there, and no longer, clearely acquited and discharged: Any matter, or whatsoeuer thing in this present Acte, had or made to the contrary, notwythstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that forasmuche as the inhabitauntes and dwellers wythin the Counties of Penbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Brecknocke, Glamorgan, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleley, and Carnaruan, be at this present tyme charged and chargeable with the paymentes of diuers and seuerall Subsidies, lately graunted to our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Mary, and to the Queenes highnesse that nowe is, and yet vnpayde:

Be it therefore ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this Acte of Subsidie, or any thing therein contayned, shall not extende to charge any of the inhabitauntes and dwellers wythin anye of the sayde Counties of Penbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleley, and Carnaruan,

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with this preſent Subſidie, or any of the paymentes therof graunted by this Acte, vntyll the laſt day for them appoynted for the payment of the laſt Subſidye, graunted to the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, be fully expired. And that then the fyrſt payment of the ſayde Subſidye, graunted by this preſent Act, ſhalbe by them made at the receypt of the Queenes Exchequer, at or before the firſt day of Nouember next folowyng after the ſayde laſte day appoynted for the payment of the laſt Subſidie. And the ſecond payment of this Subſidie, to be made at the ſayde receipt of Exchequer, before the fyrſt day of June then next folowyng.

God ſaue the Queene.

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¶ An Acte of the Queenes Maieſties free and generall Pardon.

¶ The.xix.Chapter.

THE Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, conſydering the great zeale and affection, which her louing and obedient ſubiects beare to her highneſſe, as by many wayes they haue declared and ſhewed frō tyme to tyme, ſythens the beginning of her maieſties reigne, & calling to her moſt gratious remembraunce, into how many penalties & daūgers of her Maieſties lawes, diuerſe of her ſayd louing ſubiectes be fallen, and coueting rather their amendementes by gentle and mercyfull meanes, then with ſeuere execution of her highneſſe lawes, to be enryched by their euyll deedes and offences, & truſting aſſuredly, that her ſayd louing ſubiectes wyll continue in their due obedience and louing hartes towardes her Maieſtie, and that they from henceforth wyl endeuour them ſelues, as obedient ſubiectes, to lyue according to her highneſſe lawes: Her Maieſtie is therefore mercyfully enclyned and moued, to graunt and geue vnto her ſayde louing ſubiectes, a generall, free, and beneficiall pardon, and thereby to deliuer her ſayde ſubiectes from ſuche daungers, penalties, and forfaytures, as through their offences they haue iuſtly deſerued. And therefore her maieſtie is well pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, in maner and fourme following.

That is to ſay, that all and euery of her ſayde Subiectes, aſwell ſpirituall as temporall, of this her highneſſe Realme of Englande, Wales, the Iſles of Jerneſey and Garneſey, and the towne of Barwicke, the heires, ſucceſſours, executours, and adminiſtratours of them and euery of them, and all and ſinguler bodies in any maner of wyſe corporated, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, Hamlettes, and Tithinges, and euery of them, and the ſucceſſour and ſucceſſours of euery of them, ſhalbe by auctoritie of this preſent

Parliament, acquited, pardoned, releaſſed, and diſcharged, againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires, ſucceſſours, and executours, and euery of them, of al maner of treaſons, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, alienations, treſpaſes, intruſions, entrees, wronges, deceiptes, miſdemeanours, forfaitures, penalties, and ſummes of money, paynes of death, paynes corporall, and pecuniarie, and generally of all other thinges, cauſes, quarels, ſuites, iudgementes, and executions, in this preſent Acte hereafter not excepted nor forpriſed, whiche may be or can be by her highnes in any wyſe or by any meanes pardoned, before and vnto the xxvi. daye of September, in the eyght yeere of her moſt gratious raigne, to euery or any of her ſayde Subiectes, bodies corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tithinges, or any of them.

And alſo, the Queenes highnes is contented, that it be enacted by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that her ſayde free Pardon ſhalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, to euery of her ſayde Subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehearſed, in and againſt all thinges, which be not hereafter in this preſent Acte excepted and forpriſed, as the ſame pardon ſhoulde haue ben, of all offences, cõtemptes, forfaytures, cauſes, matters, ſuites, quarelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thinges (not hereafter in this Acte excepted and forpriſed) had ben particularly, ſingulerly, ſpecially, and plainely named, rehearſed, and ſpecifyed, and alſo pardoned by proper & expreſſe wordes and names, in their kindes, natures, and qualities, by wordes and tearmes therevnto requiſite to haue ben put in, and expreſſed in this preſent Act of free pardon. And that her ſayde Subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres, executours, or adminiſtratours of any of them, nor of the ſayd bodyes corporate, and others before named and rehearſed, nor any of them, be nor ſhalbe ſued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodyes, goodes, landes, or cattels, for any maner of matter, cauſe, contempt, miſdemeanour, forfayture, treſpaſſe, offence, or any other thing, ſuffered, done, or committed before the ſayde xxvi. day of September, againſt her highneſſe, her crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or ſtatute: But only for ſuch matters, cauſes, and offences, as be plainly rehearſed in the exceptions of this preſent Acte hereafter mentioned, and for none other: Any ſtatute or ſtatutes, lawes, cuſtomes, vſages, or preſident heretofore had, made, or vſed to the contrarie, in any wyſe notwythſtandyng.

Alſo, the Queenes highnes of her bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, graunteth, and freely geueth to euery of her ſayd ſubiectes, and to euery of the ſayde bodyes corporate, and other before rehearſed, and euery of them, all goodes, cattelles

goodes and cattels forfayted to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any felony heretofore committed. And also excepted out of this pardon, all maner of intrusions, had, made, or done, by any person or persons, in or vppon any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the taking of any the issues & profytes of the same landes or tenementes of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, and also all suites and impetitions for the same. And (excepted) also all wastes committed or done in any of the Queenes wardes landes, or in the wardes landes of any of the Queenes committes. And also all and euery fyne and fynes, for the syngle and double value of the mariage or mariages of all and euery the Queenes wardes, at any tyme growen to the Queenes Maiestie, or any her noble progenitours. And also all and euery concealement of any custome or Subsidie. And all and singuler accomptes of all and euery Collectour and Collectours of any Subsidie, Fifteene, Benevolence, Wise, or contribution. And of euery other person whatsoeuer, that ought to be accomptaūt to the Queenes highnesse, or to her moste noble father King Henry the eyght, or to King Edward the sixt, or to Queene Mary, or to any of them, and the heyres, executours, and administratours of euery suche accomptant. And all and singuler arrerages of accomptes. And all vntrue accomptes, & al impetitions, suites, demaundes, and executions, which can or may be had of or for any accompt or accomptes, or any arrerages of the same. And also (excepted) all inclosures and decayes of houses of husbandrye, and the conuerting of any land from tillage to pasture, made, done, committed, or permitted, contrary to the fourme & effect of any statute or statutes heretofore made. And also excepted and forepriſed out of this free Pardon, all issues, fines, and amerciamentes, affered, taxed, set, extreated, or entred, seuerally or particulerly, touchyng or concernyng any person or persons. And also excepted and forepriſed out of this free pardon, all and all manner of deceiptes and offences of all and singuler moniers, and other officers, minters, or woorkemen, of or in any of the Queenes Maiesties mintes, within this Realme, or any other her dominions, and al impetitions and punishmentes for the same. And also excepted out this generall and free Pardon, all rauishementes and wrongfull takyng and wythholding of any the Queenes wardes, or wardes landes, at any tyme cummen and growen to the Queenes handes, or that ought to come or to bee to the Queenes Maiestie, and that yet is not discharged. And also (excepted) all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, reliefe and relieues, rentes seruices, rentes charges, rentes seckes, and the arrerages of the same, not done or payde to the Queenes hyghnesse. And also excepted, all summes of money graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, or to anye her Noble progenitours,

genitours, by way or meanes of Subsidie, Fifteene, benevolence, or contribution, or by any of the same wayes and meanes. And also all debtes whiche were, or be due to our Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, or to the most noble king, of famous memory, King Henry the seuenth, or to king Henry the eight, king Edwarde the syxth, or to the late Queene Mary, or to any person or persons to anye of their vses, by any condemnation, recognisaunce, obligation, or otherwise, other then such as are due vpon any obligation or recognisaunce, forfayte before the sayde xxvi. daye of September, for non appearaunce in any court, or other place, or for not keeping of the peace, or not beyng of good behauiour. And also excepted and forprised out of this pardon, all and synguler forfaytures beyng due or accrued to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, by any penalty of any Acte, statute, or statutes, which forfaytures bee conuerted into the nature of debte, by iudgement, or by agreement of the offendour or offendours, or els wherof there is any verdict past for the Quene. And also excepted all forfaytures and other penalties and profytes growen or due to the Queene, by reason of any offence, contempte, or other Acte, had, suffered, committed or done contrary to any Acte, statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, whereof anye action, bill, plaint, or information is sued, exhibite or depending in the Queenes Exchequer, or in the courtes commonly called the Kinges Benche, and the common place, or before the councell in the Starre chamber, or whereof the Queenes highnes by her byll signed, or otherwyse, heretofore hath made any gifte or assignement to any person or persons. And also excepted and foreprysed out of this generall and free pardon, all suche persons, as the xviiii. daye of this present moneth of December, in the. ix. yeere of her Maiesties reigne, be in prison within the Towre of London, or in the prison of the Marshalley, or in the Fleete, and all persons put to execution before the sayd xviiii. daye of December. And also excepted out of this free pardon, all offences of forgyng or counterfayting of anye false deedes, escriptes, or writinges, and all procuring or concealing of any such counterfaiting or forging to be had or made. And also excepted all penalties, forfaytures, and titles of condition, accrued or growen to the Quenes Maiestie, by reason of the breache, or not performing of any couenaunt or condition. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, al and euery such person & persons which sythens the beginning of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, haue fled out of this Realme of England, or any other the Queenes dominions for any offence of hygh treason, petie treason, misprision of treason. And also excepted out of this pardon, all and euery offence and offences, touchyng or concernyng the carying, sendinge, or conuerting ouer the Sea, or out of this Realme, of any golde, syluer, iewels, or any coyne of golde and syluer, contrary

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telles, debtes, fines, issues, profytes, amerciamentes, forfaytures, & summes of money, by any of them forfayted, whiche to her highnes do or should belong or apparteine, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespalle, entree, misdemeanor, matter, cause, or quarell, suffered, done or committed by them, or any of them, before the sayd xvi. day of september, which be not hereafter forepriled and accepted in this present Acte. And that all and euery the Queenes sayde subiectes, and all and singuler bodyes corporate, and other before rehearsed, may by him or them self, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their atturney or atturneys, according to the lawes of this Realme, pleade and minister this present Acte of free pardon for his or theyr discharge, of and for euery thing that is by vertue of this present Act pardoned, discharged, geuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thing in any wyse paying to any person or persons, for writing or entrie of the iudgement, or other cause concernyng suche plea, writing, or entrie, but only xvi. pence to be payde to the officer or clarke that shal enter the plea, matter, or iudgement for the parties discharge in that behalfe: Any statute, vlage, or custome to the contrary, not withstandyng.

And furthermore, the Queenes highnes is contented & pleased, that it be enacted by thauctheritie of this present Parliament, that her said free pardon, by the generall wordes before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, deemed, adiudged, alowed, and taken in al maner of courtes of her highnes, and els where, as well in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and forepriles specified in this present Acte, as in all and singuler other clauses, wordes, and sentences, mẽtioned and rehearsed in the sayd free pardon, most benefycially and auaylably to all and singuler her sayd subiectes, bodyes corporate, and others before rehearsed, and to euery of them, and most strongly in barre and discharge agaynst her highnes, her heyres, successours, and executours, in euery thyng, without any ambiguitie, question, or other delay whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, or aleaged by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, successours, or executours, or by her or any of theyr generall atturney or atturneys, or by any person or persons for her highnes or any of her heyres, successours, or executours.

And further it is enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, and by the auctheritie of this present Parliament, that if any officer or Clarke of any of her highnes courtes, commonly called the Kinges Benche, Chauncerie, and common place, or of her Exchequer, or any other officer or Clarke of any other of her courtes within this Realme, at any tyme after the laste daye of this present moneth of December, make out or wri e out any maner of writes or other proceile, or any extractes, summons, or other preceptes, where-

by any of the sayde Subiectes, or any of the sayde bodyes corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them, shalbe in any wyse arrested attached, distrained, summoned, or otherwyse vexed, inquieted, or greeued in his or theyr bodyes, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattels, or in any of them, for or because of any manner thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Acte of free pardon: or yf any Sheriffe or Eschetour, or any of theyr deputie or deputies, or any Bayliffe or other officer, by colour of his or theyr office, or otherwayes, after the sayde last day of December, do leuie, receyue, or take any thing pardoned or discharged by this Acte: that then euery such person so offending, and thereof lawefully condemned, shall yeelde and pay for recompence thereof to the partie so greeued or offended, treble damages, besydes al costes of the suite. And neuertheselle, al and singuler such writtes, procesle, extreates, & preceptes so to be made, for or vpon any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by this present Acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

Except, and alwayes forexpriled out of this generall and free pardon, all and all maner of hygh treason, committed or done by anye person or persons, by any ouert deede or acte agaynst the Queenes most royall person, and all conspiracies and confederacies traiterously had, committed, or done by any person or persons against the Queenes person. And also excepted al & al maner of treasons cõmitted or done by any person or persons in the parties beyonde the sea, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions, and al suites, punishmentes, executions, and paynes of death, forfaytures, and penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any of the treasons and offences before excepted. And also excepted and forprised out of this generall and free pardon, al & euery pyracie and robberie done vpon the Sea, and all manner voluntarie murders and wylfull poysonings, and all and euery robberie done vpon any person or persons in any dwelling house or houses in the day tyme. And all felonious taking of any money or bullion out of the house of treasurie or receipt within the Towre of London, & all robberies done vpon or to any mans or womans person in the high way, or els where, and all and singuler accessaries, of or to any of the sayde offences. And also all rapes and carnall rauishementes of women. And all wylfull escapes (as well) of traytours and felons (as also) of Clarkes attaynted. And also excepted out of this generall and free Pardon, all persons attaynted or outlawed for any treason, murther, or robberie. And also (excepted) all and euery maner of taking from the Queene of any goodes or cattels, or the issues, rentes, reuenues, or profytes, of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of any traytour, murderer, felon, Clarke or Clarkes, being persons attaynted, outlawed, or fugitiues, or of any of them. And also all

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to the lawes or statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were, or be by the Queenes licence. And also, except all suche persons as be fled and gone out of this Realme, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, without the Queenes Maiesties licence. And also all such persons as haue obteined and had licence to depart the Realme for a tyme, and nowe do abyde out of the Realme, without any lawful excuse, after the tyme of theyr licence expired.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery person and persons, whiche haue tendered or ought to sue liuery out of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, of, or for any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, shal sue his or their liuerie and liueries, out of our sayd soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, of his or their manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in like maner and fourme as they and euery of them should or ought to haue done, yf this Acte had neuer bene had ne made: Any article, thinge or thinges in this present Acte of generall and free pardon comprised and specified to the contrarie, notwithstanding. And also except out of this free pardon, al offences committed or done by any person or persons, wherof the correction and punishment dooth apparteyne to the order & iudgement of any ecclesiasticall Iudge or Court. And also except out of this Pardon, all offences of coniurations, witchcraftes, inchauntementes, and sorceries, committed or done contrarie to the lawes and statutes of this Realme.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery Clarke, and other officer of any the Queenes courtes, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vt legatum, at the suite of the partie playntife, agaynst suche persons outlawes, as be pardoned by this Acte, to the intent to compell the defendaunt and defendauntes to make aunswere to the plaintife or playntiffes, at whose suite he or they were outlawed. And that euery person so outlawed, shall sue a writ of Scire facias, against the partie or parties at whose suite he or they were so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe shalbe alowed to hym that so is outlawed. And also excepted out of this free pardon, all and euery suche person and persons, as before the sayd xxiiii. daye of December, haue ben committed to the custodie and safe keeping of any other person or persons, out of any ordinary prison, by the Queenes Maiesties expresse order and commaundement, and whiche nowe be remayning and continuyng in such custodie and keping. And also except

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out of this pardon, all felonious taking of any money, plate, bullion, or other thing out of any part of the Queenes Maiesties house and court, where her highnesse is nowe resident, or where heretofore her Maiestie hath ben resident. And also, except al forging and counterfayting of any money or coyne, currant within this realme. And also, except out of this generall and free pardon, one Henry Jackson, late of Martin Colledge in Oxforde.

God saue the Queene.

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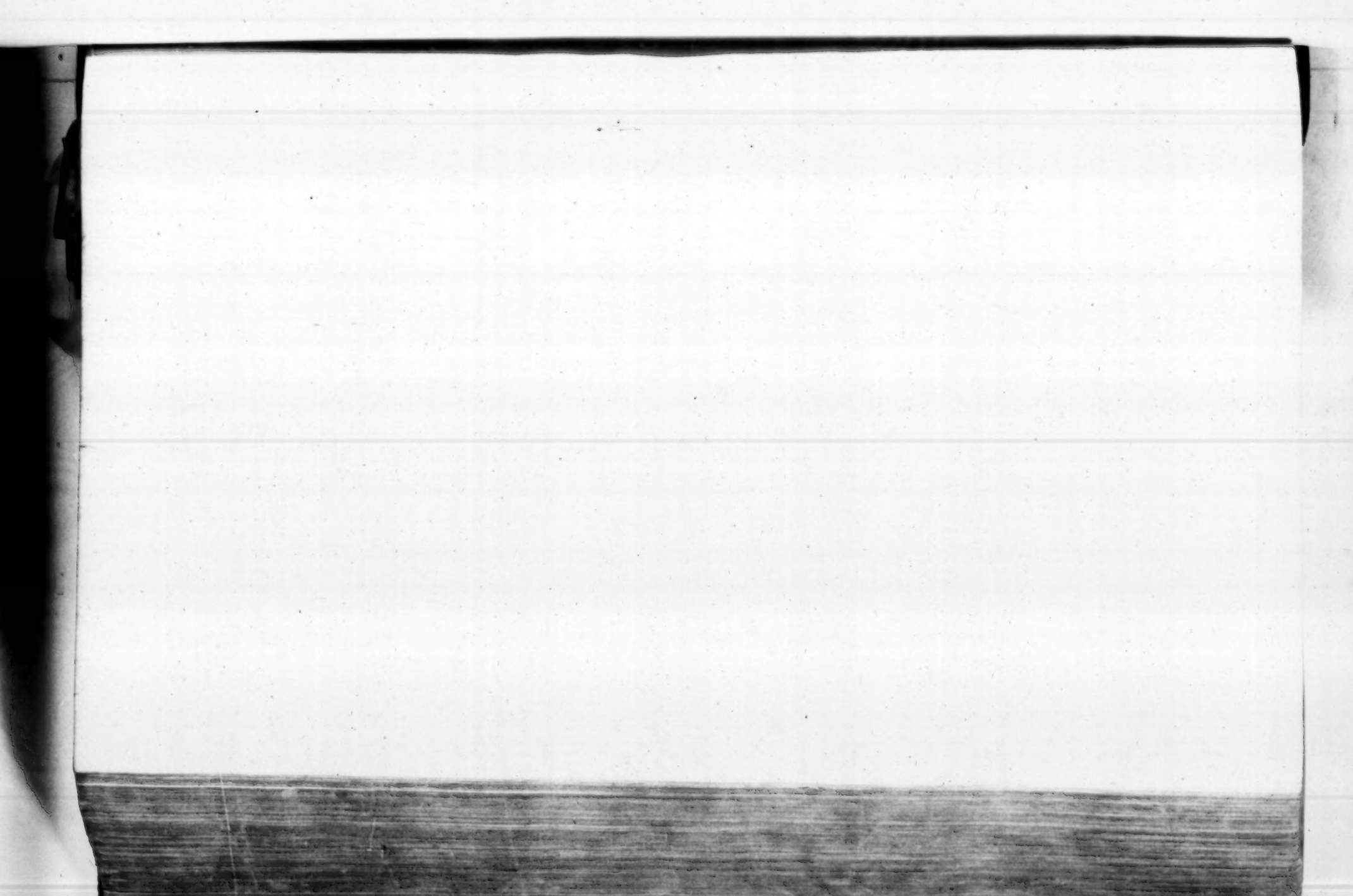

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